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Being Frank

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NEWTON, Massachusetts

(AP) — Democratic Rep. Barney Frank, a gay pioneer in Congress whose name and fingerprints are on last year's sweeping bill regulating Wall Street, announced plans Monday to retire at the end of his current term, his 16th in Congress.



Sen. Christopher Dodd, left, and Rep. Barney Frank talk prior to President Obama signing the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act in Washington. Frank, the liberal firebrand who has served in the House of Representatives for 30 years, has decided not to seek re-election in 2012.

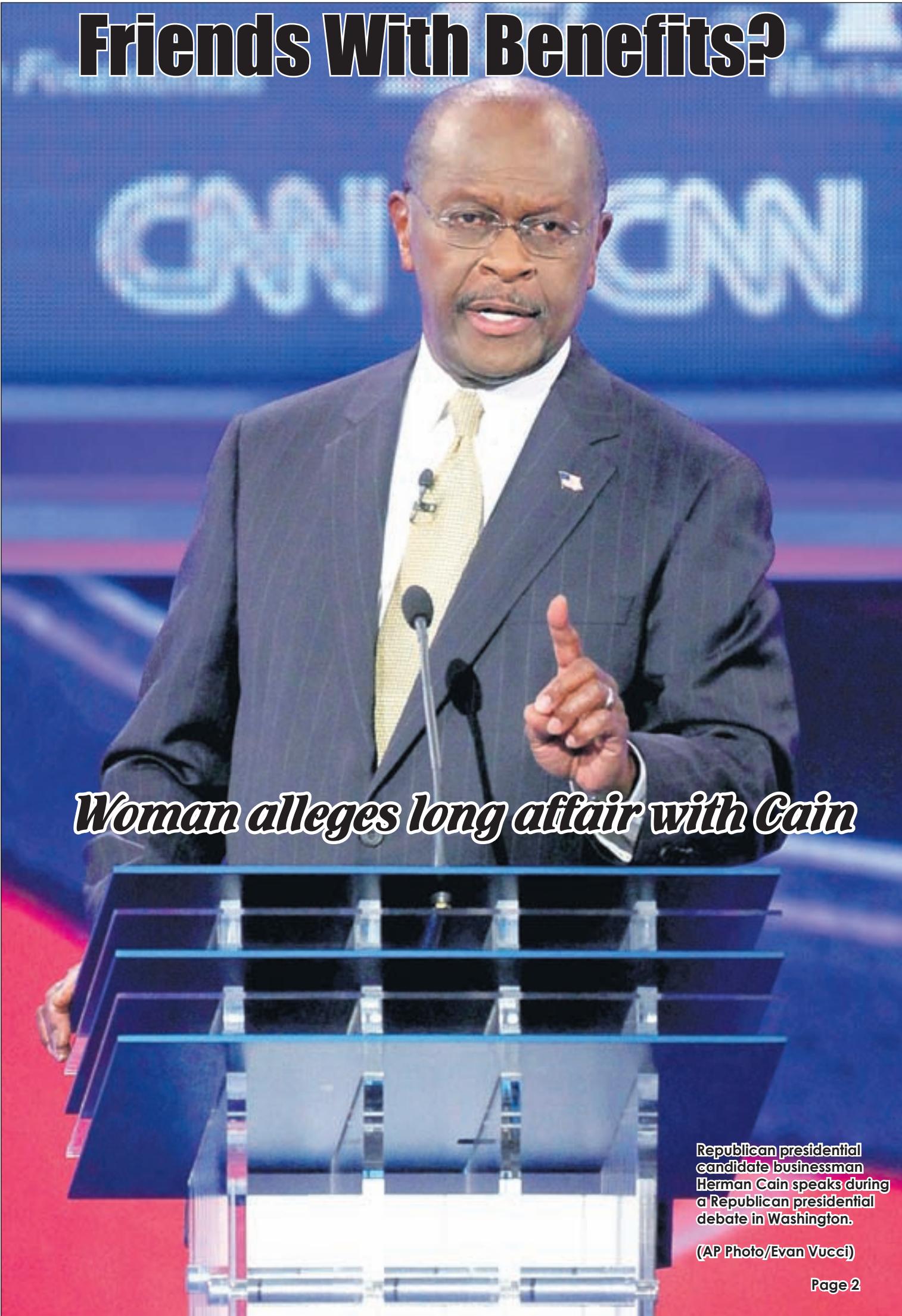
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Frank's career has traced an arc from early promise to near career-wrecking scandal to legislative triumph, accompanied by a quick-witted intelligence and an often partisan and frequently acerbic speaking style.

"There are other things I would like to do with my life," the 71-year-old lawmaker said at a news conference. He added that his retirement plans were hastened by two years by reapportionment, which moved 325,000 new constituents into his district.

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Friends With Benefits?



Republican presidential candidate businessman Herman Cain speaks during a Republican presidential debate in Washington.

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Woman alleges long affair with Cain

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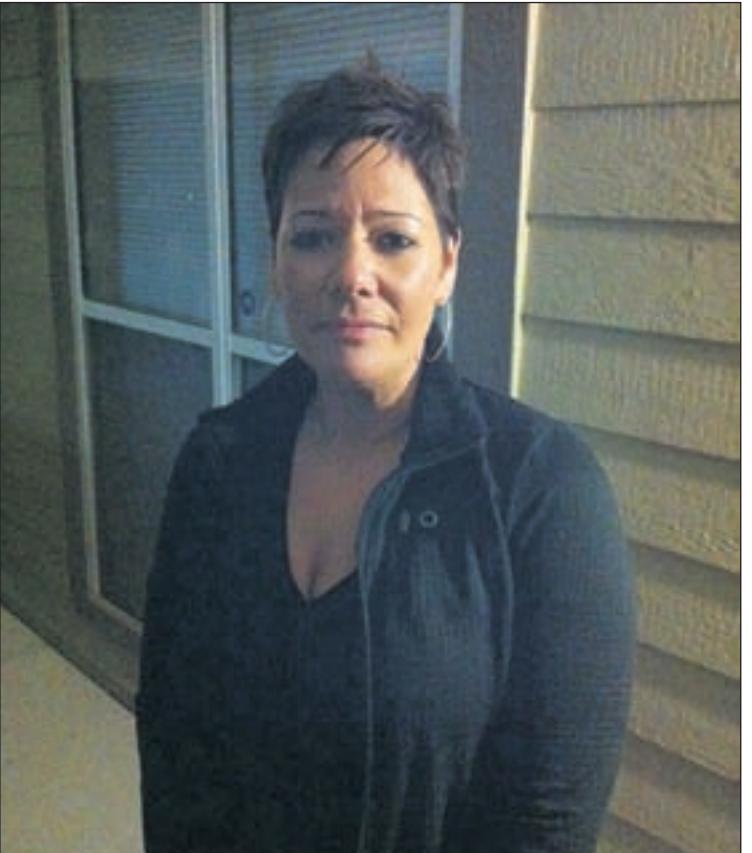
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an explosive allegation, a woman said Monday she and Republican presidential hopeful Herman Cain had a 13-year extramarital affair that lasted nearly until the former businessman announced his candidacy for the White House several months ago.

"Here we go again. I didn't do anything wrong," Cain said in a pre-emptive denial that lumped a detailed claim of a consensual affair in with earlier allegations of sexual harassment.

But the Georgia woman, Ginger White, said in an interview with the Fox 5 Atlanta television station that over the years, Cain bought her airplane tickets so she could join him in cities as far-flung as Palm



Ginger White poses for a photo near Dunwoody, Ga. on Monday, Nov. 28, 2011. In an explosive allegation, White said Monday she and Republican presidential hopeful Herman Cain had a 13-year extramarital affair that lasted nearly until the former businessman announced his candidacy for the White House several months ago. (AP Photo/Greg Bluestein)

Springs, California, and Atlanta.

"It was fun," the 46-year-old White said. "It was something that took me away from my humdrum life at the time. And it was exciting." Cain's candidacy was soaring in the polls until he was hit less than a month ago with accusations that he sexually harassed several women and groped one while he was a high-ranking official at the National Restaurant Association. He has since fallen back in the public opinion surveys, and been eclipsed by former House Speaker Newt Gingrich in the race to emerge as the main conservative alternative to Mitt Romney. At her apartment in Dunwoody, Georgia, White declined to elaborate on her statements during a brief interview with AP. "I can't make any comment on this," she said. "We're trying to be slightly sensitive."

In its report, the television station said White had Cain's name in her cell phone contacts, and when its reporter sent a text message to the number, he called right back.

"He told us he knew 'Ginger White' but said he was trying to help her financially," the station said.

In a written statement released immediately after the story aired, Cain's campaign said detractors were trying to "derail the Cain Train with more accusations of past events that never happened."

Later, at a fundraiser in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C., Cain avoided reporters' questions.

In his initial denial, televised on CNN, Cain vowed to remain in the presidential race, as long as he has the support of his wife, with whom he said he had discussed the most recent allegation. □

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Barney Frank announces retirement

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Unusual for a politician, his appearance is routinely less-than impeccable, and he once distributed posters as a candidate for the Massachusetts Legislature that said "Neatness isn't everything. Re-elect Barney." In Congress, Frank has fought for years to hold down what he viewed as excessive military spending, and said one of his objectives for his final year in office is to make sure the Pentagon shares in any deficit-cutting measures that take place.

Frank is the 17th Democrat to announce he will not seek re-election in 2012, when Democrats face an uphill battle to gain the 25 seats they need to win a majority. By contrast, six Republicans are retiring.

In a written statement, President Barack Obama hailed Frank's "passion and his quick wit." He praised his work to expand affordable housing, end discrimination against gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered individuals and enact "the most sweeping financial reform in history, designed to protect consumers and prevent the kind of excessive risk-taking that led to the financial crisis from ever happening again."

At his news conference, Frank said he intends to remain active on issues he is concerned about, pledg-

ing to defend the year-old Dodd-Frank financial regulatory bill that many Republicans want to repeal. "I think I will find my motives less impugned and I will be able to talk more about the merits" once he is no longer a member of Congress, he said.

It was an earlier redistricting that presented Frank with

secure since. Yet his career nearly ran aground because of his personal life.

Two years after a voluntary 1987 disclosure that he is gay, Frank had to explain why he had hired as a personal aide a convicted drug user and male prostitute, Steve Gobie, who was also living in the lawmaker's

"I should have known better. I do now, but it's a little too late," a contrite Frank told the House. Some Republicans sought a harsher punishment, including expulsion, but majority Democrats blocked the move, and Frank resumed a career that far outlasted many of those who had sought his ouster.

When Republicans sought passage of a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage in 2006, he said, "I think this is motivated, frankly, by a dislike of those of us who are gay and lesbian," and he objected to "people taking batting practice with my life."

Yet he also had a clear-eyed view of what was politically possible.

In 2004, he said San Francisco's decision to challenge state law and grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples could damage efforts by gay rights advocates in Massachusetts to legalize gay marriage through the courts. "When you're in a real struggle, San Francisco making a symbolic point becomes a diversion," he said, expressing concern that an image of lawlessness and civil disobedience in one city would hurt efforts elsewhere.

As a longtime member of the House committee that oversaw the banking and housing industries, he often worked to expand affordable housing and end redlining, a practice in which banks are accused of imposing onerous lending conditions on residents of inner cities and other poor neighborhoods. As chairman in 2008, he was a lead Democrat in drafting \$700 billion legislation that President George W. Bush supported to bail out financial institutions. □



Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) speaks at a news conference in Newton, Mass., on Nov. 28, 2011. Frank, the liberal firebrand who has served in the House of Representatives for 30 years, announced that he has decided not to seek re-election in 2012.

(Evan McGlinn/The New York Times)

his toughest challenge at the polls in a career counted in decades. He won his seat in 1980, then two years later was thrown into a race with a formidable Republican incumbent, Rep. Margaret Heckler. He outpolled her with 60 percent of the vote and his seat has been

apartment. He said he always paid the aide out of personal funds, but the House ethics committee recommended Frank be censured for using his congressional status on behalf of the man, including seeking dismissal of 33 parking tickets.

Over the decades, Frank was a prominent supporter of several gay-rights issues, including a bill to allow same-sex partners of federal employees the same benefits as spouses, and attempts to end the military's policy of "don't ask, don't tell."

Romney comes under fire from Gingrich, Democrats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney found himself coming under fire Monday for his changing positions on key policy issues from both his main challenger for the party's nomination and Democrats supporting President Barack Obama.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, whose presidential campaign is on the rise just weeks before the first nominating contests take place, offered a sharp criticism of Romney. Gingrich acknowledged that he isn't the perfect candidate but insisted he's "a lot more conservative than Mitt Romney and a lot more electable than any-

'What will you tell me next time?'" Gingrich told WSC-FM radio Monday morning ahead of a three-day campaign swing through South Carolina, which holds the first presidential primary in the South. In a career that includes an unsuccessful Senate race and one term as governor in Massachusetts, plus a 2008 presidential bid, Romney at times has favored legalized abortion, a ban on assault weapons and a pathway to legal status for some illegal immigrants.

He since has rejected those views. He also takes a harder line than before on government stimulus programs and bank bailouts. Romney's health care

attack from the Democratic National Committee which on Monday began running ads mocking the former Massachusetts governor — a sign they view him as Obama's most likely opponent. Party activists say it's unlikely their ads will significantly influence the Republican contest, even though they would prefer to have Obama run against someone other than Romney, who is seen as more moderate than his more conservative rivals. With Democrats targeting Romney, it seemed as if the November 2012 election campaign was already under way — even though there is just a little over a month left before the first



Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks to a group of workers at Nationwide Insurance Company, in Des Moines, Iowa.

(AP Photo/Steve Pope)

body else."

For months, Gingrich has refused to criticize his Republican presidential rivals and instead has focused his criticism on Obama. That all seems to be over. Branding the former Massachusetts governor as a political opportunist, Gingrich said it is one thing to change positions if new facts become available and quite another to shift positions for political gain. "It's wrong to go around to adopt radically different positions based on your need of any one election, then people will have to ask themselves,

initiative in Massachusetts required residents to obtain medical insurance, but he rejects the notion that it was a model for Obama's national health care reform plan enacted last year over vehement Republican opposition. Over the years, Romney has minimized the significance of some of his shifts. He attributes others to heartfelt changes of opinion. It isn't enough to convince some, including Gingrich. "We think there has to be a solid conservative alternative to Mitt Romney," Gingrich said. Romney also came under

Republican nominating contest in Iowa on Jan. 3. But Democratic activists said Obama can't afford to wait to begin undermining Romney's standing among independent voters in key battleground states. A Democratic TV ad is airing in the swing states of North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin and New Mexico. Democrats also held events in Iowa, Florida, Michigan, Maryland and Massachusetts to call attention to a longer and more detailed version of the criticisms on the website mittvmitt.com.□



Sirhan Sirhan, 66, convicted of assassinating Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in 1968, speaks during a Board of Parole Suitability Hearing at the Pleasant Valley State Prison in Coalinga, Calif. Lawyers for Sirhan are filing new papers in federal court Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, claiming the convicted assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy was not responsible for the shooting because he was "hypno programmed."

(AP Photo/Ben Margot, File)

Lawyers:

Bullet was switched at Sirhan's trial

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AP Special Correspondent
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lawyers representing convicted assassin Sirhan Sirhan argue in newly filed court documents that a bullet was switched in evidence at his trial and new forensic details show he is innocent of the 1968 killing of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

In the latest of many appeals filed on behalf of Sirhan, the attorneys are seeking to overturn his conviction. They repeated a previous assertion and presented reports from experts who said Sirhan was programmed through hypnosis to fire shots as a diversion for the real killer.

Prosecutors had no comment, said Lynda Gledhill, a spokeswoman for the California attorney general's office, which is handling the appeal.

The lawyers, William F. Pepper and Laurie Dusek, also

said sophisticated audio tests recently conducted on recordings from the assassination night show 13 shots from multiple guns were fired — five more than Sirhan could have fired from his small pistol.

Authorities have claimed eight bullets were fired, with three hitting Kennedy and the rest flying wildly around the kitchen and striking five other victims who survived. Paul Schrade, who was struck by gunfire, refused to comment on the new filing, saying he is working on his own new analysis of the assassination.

Pepper and Dusek argue that before Sirhan's trial, someone switched a bullet before it was placed in evidence because the bullet taken from Kennedy's neck did not match Sirhan's gun. The lawyers suggest a second gun was involved in the assassination, but they do not know who fired it.□

Influential New Hampshire newspaper backs Gingrich

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conservative Republicans' deep distrust of presidential candidate Mitt Romney showed itself powerfully in the endorsement of Newt Gingrich by New Hampshire's most powerful newspaper with just six weeks remaining until the northeastern state's first-in-the-nation primary election.

The surging Gingrich, the former speaker of the House of Representatives who left that post under a cloud of ethics violations and public disgust with Congress, won the backing of the New Hampshire Union Leader on Sunday for what it called his independent-minded conservative "courage and conviction."

At the same time the newspaper took a swipe at Romney's history of switching positions on issues held sacred by conservative voters. The loss of the endorsement is a stinging blow to Romney, who governed the neighboring state of Massachusetts.

While acknowledging differences with Gingrich, the newspaper said in its front-page editorial: "We would rather back someone with whom we may sometimes disagree than one who tells us what he thinks we want to hear."

Eight Republicans are in the race for the nomination to challenge President Barack Obama next year. Romney is the favorite of the party power brokers but he has been unable to break away from the pack. He has faced challenges from Rep. Michelle Bachmann, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, pizza executive Herman Cain and now Gingrich, who some polls show in the lead nationwide.

The Union Leader endorsement, however, disregarded the results of last week's WMUR-University of New Hampshire Granite State poll that showed Romney with 42 percent support among likely Republican primary voters in New Hampshire. Gingrich, the former speaker of the House of Representatives,

was second with 15 percent.

The endorsement boosts Gingrich's conservative credentials. He spent the week defending his immigration policies against accusations that they are a form of amnesty. On Monday, Gingrich takes a campaign swing through South Carolina, the South's first primary state.

The Union Leader's backing of Gingrich reflects Romney's problem with that all-important deeply conservative party base in state primary contests that award delegates to the national party convention



Republican presidential candidate former House Speaker Newt Gingrich speaks to supporters Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, in Charleston, S.C.

(AP Photo/Alice Keeney)

where the nominee is officially chosen.

Four years ago the newspaper threw its support to Sen. John McCain's bid and used its Page One opinion columns and editorials to boost him — and criticize Romney. Since then, Romney has worked hard, but failed, to win support from Union Leader Publisher Joe McQuaid.

"Romney is a very play-it-safe candidate. He doesn't want to offend everybody or anybody," The Union Leader's op-ed editor Drew Cline said on CNN's "State of the Union." "He wants to be liked. □



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LA protesters defy eviction efforts, go to court

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For now, Wall Street protesters camped out on the Los Angeles City Hall lawn still have their tent city after defying a deadline to pack up and clear out. "Still occupied," read the sign of a protester up in a tree.

Hours after emerging from a possible confrontation with police largely unscathed on Monday, demonstrators turned to the federal courts to keep officers away.

They are arguing that the City Council had passed a resolution in support of Occupy Los Angeles and that the city's mayor and police did not have the authority to evict them.

The chances that protesters will get an injunction appear slim, constitutional experts say.

Until there is a decision,



Anti-Wall Street protesters rest in front of a row of Los Angeles police across from the Occupy LA camp in Los Angeles on Monday, Nov. 28, 2011. Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa stated Friday that the protesters' campsite would be dismantled, beginning at 12:01 a.m., Monday, but police did not enforce the deadline.

(AP Photo/Jason Redmond)

the tent city's inhabitants are left to wonder if and when police will push them out — and if there will be the kind of violence that has engulfed evictions in other cities when they do. City officials say they will only move in on the camp when conditions are safest not just for protesters and officers but also the roughly 100 homeless people who had joined the encampment.

"There is no concrete deadline," Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck said after hundreds of officers withdrew without moving in on the nearly 2-month-old camp.

The effort should come "with as little drama as possible," Beck told reporters. Police and protesters have clashed elsewhere in recent weeks, most notably in Oakland, California, as officers cleared away camps that officials say have grown more dangerous for public health and safety.

Nine people were arrested in Maine on Monday after protesters at an encampment took down their tents and packed their camping gear after being told to get a permit or move their shelters.

Some of the encampments had been in use almost since the movement against economic disparity and perceived corporate greed began with Occupy Wall Street in Manhattan two months ago.

With each passing week, it seems a city moves in to close a camp. Like Los Angeles, Philadelphia officials imposed their own deadline for protesters to move

to make way for a construction project.

On Monday, however, the camp was still standing. In Los Angeles, protesters had prepared for police action since city leaders announced last week that the camp would be cleared. Campers had packed up about half of the nearly 500 tents.

Some protesters carried gas masks and one had even fashioned one out of duct tape and a plastic bottle.

Some activists had built a tree house out of wooden pallets in a clump of palm trees to make it more difficult to be arrested, while others just sat in a circle with their tents in the plaza.

"I definitely expected to be in jail by 3 a.m.," said Sean Woodward. "I'm happy we're still here."

Protesters chanted "we won, we won" as police left after only four arrests during a largely peaceful, six-hour demonstration against the eviction. The arrests were on charges of failure to disperse.

Instead of moving in to clear the camp, as had been expected, police concentrated on clearing several hundred protesters who had spilled into the street so morning rush-hour traffic would not be affected.

Hours later, several demonstrators asked a federal judge for an injunction against the city.

The civil rights complaint contends that Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa usurped the City Council's authority when he set a deadline of 12:01 a.m. Monday for the tent-dwellers to disband. □



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Plan for a memorial splits Newport's old guard

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NEWPORT, R.I. — When Doris Duke was clearing a patch of derelict buildings here in the late 1970s to create a modest patch of open space known as Queen Anne Square, she was sometimes spotted personally directing the backhoe

drivers at dusk, acting as both foreman and steward of the enormous fortune that she lavished on such restoration projects. The same kind of New England pluck and perspicacity is now stoking an unusual battle, 18 years after Duke's death, over a plan to create a permanent, minimal-

ist art installation in honor of her legacy on this minimalist swath of green that she left behind in a former commercial area near the harbor. The tenor of the dispute is distinctly Newportian. Many of the combatants have known one another for decades, as did many of their mothers,



Maya Lin, an artist known for her work with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, at her studio in New York. Lin's plan for a memorial to the heiress and preservationist Doris Duke in a park in Newport, R.I., has critics and defenders stoking an unusual battle.

(Chester Higgins Jr/The New York Times)

Amid protests, City University passes annual tuition bumps

RICHARD PEREZ-PENA

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NEW YORK — With a raucous protest outside summoning all of the volume — but not the violence — of a similar clash last week, City University trustees Monday approved a series of \$300 annual tuition increases that will extend through 2015. The first of those increases, to \$5,130, already took effect this year.

The board's 15-1 vote will raise tuition for undergraduates at CUNY's four-year colleges to \$6,330 in 2015-16, plus about \$500 a year in additional fees. The State University system's trustees recently approved a set of parallel increases.

Hundreds of students at Baruch College in Manhattan took to the street outside the building where the board met, chanting, "Abolish the board of trustees" and "CUNY must be free," banging drums and waving signs, and protesting that students cannot



Protesters rally over tuition increases outside Baruch College as the City University of New York Board of Trustees met, Nov. 28, 2011. Board members approved a series of \$300 annual tuition increases through 2015.

(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

afford an increase that will reach 31 percent over five years. They were joined by a large contingent of professors and scattered supporters from labor unions and other groups. Anticipating the protest, Baruch had canceled Monday classes in the building after 3 p.m., and barred routine foot traffic in and out.

Last week, the board's hearing on the proposed tuition increases had drawn a similar response. Protesters scuffled with university security forces and New York City police officers, and 15 were arrested. The Police Department said that three people were arrested in Monday's demonstration. □

fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers.

Supporters of the project — which is being designed by Maya Lin and is completely underwritten with private money by some of the town's wealthiest families — converge at an oceanside

cottage on Edith Wharton's former estate, now home to Marion Oates Charles, known as Oatsie, the president of the Newport Restoration Foundation and a close friend of Duke's, who has spearheaded the memorial plan. □

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UN: Syrian forces killed, tortured 256 children

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Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — A U.N. investigation concluded Monday that Syrian forces committed crimes against humanity by killing and torturing hundreds of children, including a 2-year-old girl reportedly shot to death so she wouldn't grow up to be a demonstrator.

The inquiry added to mounting international pressure on President Bashar Assad, a day after the Arab League approved sweeping sanctions to push his embattled regime to end the violence. Syria's foreign minister called the Arab move "a declaration of economic war" and warned of retaliation.

The report by a U.N. Human Rights Council panel found that at least 256 children were killed by government forces between mid-March and early November, some of them tortured to death.

"Torture was applied equally to adults and children," said the assessment, released in Geneva. "Numerous testimonies indicated that boys were subjected to sexual torture in places of detention in front of adult men."

The U.N. defines a child as anyone under the age of 18. The report was compiled by a panel of independent experts who were not allowed into Syria. However, the commission interviewed 223 victims and witnesses, including defectors from Syria's military and security forces.

The panel said government forces were given "shoot to kill" orders to crush demon-

strations. Some troops "shot indiscriminately at unarmed protesters," while snipers targeted others in the upper body or head, it said. It quoted one former soldier who said he decided to defect after witnessing an officer shoot a 2-year-

body of evidence." At least 3,500 people have been killed since March in Syria, according to the U.N. — the bloodiest regime response against the Arab Spring protests sweeping the Middle East. Deaths in Egypt, Tunisia and Yemen have

sweeping sanctions approved Sunday by the Arab League.

Syrian officials did not comment directly on the U.N. findings.

However, the regime reacted sharply to the Arab sanctions, betraying a deep concern over the economic impact and warning that Syria could strike back. Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem called the Arab League action "a declaration of economic war" and said Syria had withdrawn 95 percent of its assets in Arab countries.

Economy Minister Mohammed Nidal al-Shaar said "sources of foreign currency would be affected" by the sanctions, reflecting concerns that Arab investment in Syria will fall off and transfers from Syrians living in other Arab countries will drop. Al-Moallem said Syria had means to retaliate.

"Sanctions are a two-way street," he warned in a televised news conference.

"We don't want to threaten anyone, but we will defend the interests of our people," he added, suggesting Syria might use its position as a geographical keystone in the heart of the Middle East to disrupt trade between Arab countries.

Chaos in Syria could send unsettling ripples across the region.

Syria borders five countries with whom it shares religious and ethnic minorities. □



Brazilian Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, who is mandated by the U.N. Human Rights Council to lead an international investigation of allegations of human rights abuses in Syria, gestures during a press conference at the United Nations headquarters in Geneva, Monday, Nov 28, 2011. Syrian troops have killed hundreds of children and committed other "crimes against humanity" since the government crackdown began in March, the U.N. probe said Monday.

(AP Photo/Anja Niedringhaus)

old girl in Latakia, then claim he killed her so she wouldn't grow up to be a demonstrator.

The list of alleged crimes committed by Syrian forces "include murder, torture, rape and other forms of sexual violence," said the panel's chairman, Paulo Sergio Pinheiro, a Brazilian professor. "We have a very solid

numbered in the hundreds; while Libya's toll is unknown and likely higher, the conflict there differs from Syria's because it descended into outright civil war between two armed sides.

The U.N. investigation is the latest in a growing wave of international measures pressuring Damascus to end its crackdown, and comes on the heels of

Israel apologizes for treatment of NYT journalist

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Defense Ministry apologized Monday for the treatment of a pregnant American news photographer who said she was strip searched and humiliated by Israeli soldiers during a security check. Lynsey Addario, who was on assignment for the New York Times, had requested that she not be forced to go through an X-ray machine as she entered Israel from the Gaza Strip because of concerns for her unborn baby. Instead, she wrote in a letter to the ministry, she was forced through the machine three times as soldiers "watched and laughed from above." She said she was then taken into a room where she was ordered by a female worker to strip down to her underwear.

In the Oct. 25 letter sent by the newspaper said Addario, a Pulitzer Prize winner who is based in India and has worked in more than 60 countries, had never been treated with "such blatant cruelty."

The ministry said an investigation found that the search followed procedures but noted that Addario's request to avoid the X-ray machine had not been properly relayed. Addario said she made the request not to go through the X-ray machine before arriving at the crossing. □



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A woman wears tape over her mouth with Arabic writing that reads, "no comment," at a protest in Tripoli, Libya to pressure the new government to do more to help women raped during the country's civil war. Some 60 women sang and chanted slogans outside the office of Prime Minister Abdurrahim el-Keib. They said the government, in its focus to help wounded soldiers, is failing to help women sexually assaulted by Moammar Gadhafi's forces during the war.

(AP Photo/Abdel Magid al-Fergany)

Libyan clerics back disarmament of ex-rebels

VANESSA GERA

Associated Press

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Dozens of Libyan religious leaders on Monday urged authorities to disarm former rebels and form a national army, backing the transitional government's struggle to exert control over the militias that overthrew dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

The fighters are widely admired for their role in bringing down the Gadhafi regime, but the clerics' statement reflected concern over the militias' refusal to submit to the central authority. Dozens of militias have held on to arsenals of heavy weapons and sometimes clash among themselves.

"We advise speeding up the process of establishing a national army and the collection of arms," said a statement from the 250 imams and other clerics gathered for a conference in Tripoli, the first of its kind after the fall of the Gadhafi regime. It was organized by Libya's Ministry of Islamic Affairs.

The clerics expressed fears that tribal and regional tensions could lead to a deterioration of security. "We need to focus especially on reconciliation and ... on building the new state of Libya," said Salim Jabar, an imam from the eastern city of Benghazi.

Participants complained about young men who they said carried weapons on the street and fired into the air for fun, sometimes killing people. □

Egyptians wait in lines to elect a parliament

HAMZA HENDAWI

MAGGIE MICHAEL

CAIRO (AP) — They waited in long lines for hours to vote, despite a new wave of unrest, fears about a sharply divided society and uncertainty over the nation's future.

For the millions of Egyptians who cast ballots Monday, the first parliamentary elections since they ousted Hosni Mubarak were a turning point in history — if for no other reason than

as she patiently waited to vote. "I may not live long enough to see change, but my grandchildren will."

Since the uprising that forced out Mubarak nearly 10 months ago, Egyptians had looked forward to this day as a celebration of freedom after years of stifling dictatorship. Instead, there has been deep disappointment with the military rulers who replaced the old regime and a new wave of protests and clash-

many determined to either push the military from power or vote against the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamist groups who are expected to dominate the balloting.

"This was simply overwhelming. My heart was beating so fast," Sanaa el-Hawary, a 38-year-old mother of one said after she cast her vote in Cairo. "This is my life, it's my baby's life. It's my country and this is the only hope we have now."



An Egyptian woman shows her inked finger after voting in Cairo, Egypt, Monday, Nov. 28, 2011. Voting began on Monday in Egypt's first parliamentary elections since longtime authoritarian leader Hosni Mubarak was ousted in a popular uprising nine months ago. The vote is a milestone many Egyptians hope will usher in a democratic age after decades of dictatorship.

(AP Photo/Bela Szandelszky)

they were finally getting a chance to be heard after decades of rigged voting. The outcome will indicate whether one of America's most important Middle East allies will remain secular or move down a more Islamic path, as have other countries swept up in the Arab Spring.

"I have hope this time," said Amal Fathy, a 50-year-old government employee who wears the Islamic veil,

es that began 10 days before the vote.

Adding to the disarray, the multiple stage election process, which will stretch over months, is extremely complicated. Some of the key political players complained they did not have enough time or the right conditions to organize for the vote.

If there was little jubilation, there was hope — and even defiance — with

Female voters appeared to outnumber the men by far, shattering widespread notions in a society whose women are mostly dismissed or taken lightly.

Women waiting for five hours at one polling center chanted: "We will not give up, we will not give up."

In Cairo's crowded Shoubra district, 34-year-old Toka Youssef explained why she was voting for the first time in her life. □

Top Colombian drug trafficker captured

IAN JAMES

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— A top Colombian drug trafficker has been captured in Venezuela and will be turned over to U.S. authorities, officials said Monday.

The U.S. had offered a \$5 million reward for information leading to the arrest of Maximiliano Bonilla Orozco, known as "Valenciano," who was also on Colombia's most-wanted list.

The arrest was announced by Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos as he met with Venezuela with President Hugo Chavez.

U.S. officials say Bonilla has sent tons of cocaine to the United States through Central America and Mexico, dealing extensively with Mexico's Zetas drug cartel. Bonilla will be deported and turned over to U.S. authorities to face charges, Venezuelan Justice Minister Tareck El Aissami said.

He said Bonilla was captured Sunday at a home in the central city of Maracay



Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos, left, and Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez speak during a signing agreements ceremony at Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela, Monday Nov. 28, 2011. Colombian authorities say one of the country's most-wanted drug traffickers has been captured in Venezuela. The U.S. government had offered a \$5 million reward for information leading to the arrest of Maximiliano Bonilla Orozco, who is best known by his alias "Valenciano."

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

and had the equivalent of about \$180,000 in Venezuelan currency.

Santos said Colombian au-

thorities had provided intelligence to Venezuelan authorities, who tracked down Bonilla.

"He's one of the most rec-

ognized drug traffickers, who has caused terrible harm to our country," Santos said. He added that Bonilla's capture was "truly a

very high-value objective" for Colombian authorities.

"We know that your people, your authorities ... were after this individual for some time," told Chavez at the presidential palace. "This is a very good welcome gift." The Venezuelan leader called the arrest "a happy coincidence."

Both presidents said it was an example of increased cooperation between their authorities.

Venezuelan authorities appointed a team to try to track down Bonilla in March because they had information he had been traveling back and forth between the neighboring countries, El Aissami said. It wasn't immediately clear how authorities eventually tracked him down.

He is being held in Caracas while U.S. authorities make arrangements to pick him up, El Aissami said.

The U.S. government has accused Venezuela of failing to take adequate steps to curb drug trafficking. El Aissami said that while the United States "attacks Venezuela's anti-drug policies, we respond with results."

Bonilla, 39, allegedly headed a Medellin-based criminal organization dating back to the 1980s that once recruited hit men for the late cocaine kingpin Pablo Escobar.

Santos said Bonilla was the boss of an organization called the "Oficina de Envigado," named after the town of Envigado near Medellin.

The U.S. State Department listed Bonilla among its eight most-wanted Colombian drug traffickers after leftist rebels.

Wanted on a 2008 federal indictment from New York's eastern district for drug trafficking, Bonilla received cocaine from various sources in Colombia, including the rebels, Colombian and U.S. officials say.

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Associated Press writers Vivian Sequera and Frank Bajak in Bogota, Colombia, and Patricia Rondon Espin in Caracas contributed to this report. □

Violence, late ballots may mar critical Congo vote

RUKMINI CALLIMACHI

Associated Press

KINSHASA, Congo (AP)

Voting materials arrived late or sometimes not at all in precincts throughout the country, but Congo's elections went ahead, raising doubts about the legitimacy of a poll that already has seen at least nine people killed and could drag sub-Saharan Africa's largest nation back into conflict.

Country experts and opposition leaders had urged the government to delay Monday's vote due to massive logistical problems. Some districts of Congo, which has suffered decades of dictatorship and two civil wars, are so remote that ballot boxes had to be transported across muddy trails on the heads of porters, and by dugout canoe across churning rivers.

There are fears that the Central African nation, whose rain forests are still inhabited by rebel armies, could be plunged into violence again if it is unable to agree on the results of the

presidential and legislative election.

Violence over the weekend left at least four people dead, and it continued Monday when gunmen opened fire on a truck transporting ballots in the southeastern town of Lubumbashi. That and a subsequent attack by unidentified assailants left five more dead, according to Dikanga Kazadi, the provincial interior minister. In the capital, police fired tear gas to break up a crowd that had amassed outside a voting bureau.

In pockets throughout the country, voting centers were forced to open late, and some didn't open at all as they waited for trucks ferrying the necessary forms and equipment.

At dawn — in polling station No. 10048 in a Catholic school in the capital — a poll worker cut the orange police tape at the door to signal the start of voting. At polling station No. 10053 in the same school, election officials could not open be-

cause the ink used to mark the index fingers of voters had not been delivered.

"We can't start like this. We're not even properly dressed," said Baudouin Lusagila, the head of the polling station, whose team also lacked the signature blue vests printed with the electoral commission's logo. "Of course I'm worried. There is too much improvisation. Too many delays."

The vote is the second since the end of Congo's last war and the first to be organized by the government instead of the international community. There were delays at every step in the preparation. The ballots were only printed in neighboring South Africa two weeks ago — not enough time to deliver them to the remote corners of a nation the size of Western Europe where less than 2 percent of the roads are paved.

Late Monday, election commission spokesman Matthieu Mpita announced that polling stations that



Supporters of opposition candidate Etienne Tshisekedi parade what they claim are badly printed fraudulent photocopies of election ballots they say they found in the Bandal commune in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Monday Nov. 28, 2011. Polls opened in Congo's capital as the government of this nation pummeled by war vowed to go ahead with its much-anticipated presidential and parliamentary election despite massive logistical challenges. As day broke on Monday, a trickle gathered outside polling stations as residents waited to take part in a presidential and legislative election that could further consolidate the country's peace, or else drag it back into conflict.

(AP Photo/Jerome Delay)

had not yet received the necessary materials would be allowed to stay open until they did.

The government is in a hurry to hold the vote because incumbent President Joseph Kabila's term expires in the first week of December. If a new president is not elected by then, analysts say the country could slide into a situation of unconstitutional power — a scenario that could provoke further unrest.

At polling stations that opened on time in the capital, lines were small and

several were empty due to torrential rain. Inside the Gombe secondary school where Kabila cast his ballot, the women lined up after him were wearing shower caps. Kabila urged citizens to go to the polls and warned of what was at stake.

"Our country, the Democratic Republic of Congo has come a long way, from a situation of war, and of all manner of conflict whose end result was suffering," Kabila said on state television on the eve of the election. □

Divergent views signal tough climate talks ahead

ARTHUR MAX

Associated Press

DURBAN, South Africa (AP)

— With heat-trapping carbon at record levels in the atmosphere, U.N. climate negotiations opened with pressure building to salvage the only treaty limiting greenhouse gas emissions.

The U.S., Europe and the developing countries laid out diverging positions at the outset, signaling tough talks ahead even as South African President Jacob Zuma called Monday for national interests to be laid aside "for a common good and benefit of all humanity."

As if to illustrate the effects of global warming, a fierce storm on the eve of the talks flooded shack settlements and killed at least five people in the port city hosting the international gathering. In a statement, municipal officials said the toll could go as high as 10, based on unconfirmed reports. The climate talks were not affected, though the roof of



South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, center, listens as former Irish President Mary Robinson speaks during a climate justice rally in Durban, South Africa. Amid fresh warnings of climate-related disasters in the future, delegates from about 190 countries were gathering in Durban for a two-week conference which began Monday.

(AP Photo/Schalk van Zuydam)

the sprawling center where the conference was being held was damaged.

Scientists say such unusual weather has become more frequent and will continue to happen more often as the Earth warms, although it is impossible to attribute any individual event to climate change. □

The talks face a looming one-year deadline with the expiry next December of the commitment by 37 industrial countries to cut carbon emissions, as required under the Kyoto Protocol. At issue is whether those countries would accept another period of greater emission reductions. □

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Black Friday isn't the only game in town

SARAH SKIDMORE**AP Retail Writer****PORTLAND, Oregon (AP)**

— Cyber Monday. Green Tuesday. Black Friday. Magenta Saturday.

Chances are you won't find any of these holidays on your calendar. Yet U.S. retailers are coming up with names for just about every day of the week during the holiday shopping season. During T-Mobile's "Magenta Saturday," the event named for the company's pinkish-purple logo earlier this month offered shoppers the chance to buy cell-phones and some tablets on a layaway plan. Mattel lured customers in with discounts of 60 percent off toys for girls and boys on "Pink Friday" and "Blue Friday." And outdoor retailer Gander Mountain is giving shoppers deals on camouflage and other gear every Thursday through December during "Camo Thursdays."

"There are hundreds of promotions going on this time of year," says Steve Uline, head of marketing for Gander. "We needed to do something a little bit different."

It's difficult to get Americans to spend money when many are struggling with job losses, underwater mortgages or dwindling retirement savings. But merchants are hoping some creative marketing will generate excitement

among shoppers during the last two months of the year, a time when many of them make up to 40 percent of their annual rev-

1960s became known as the point when merchants turn a profit or operate "in the black." Later, retailers began marketing it as the

on that day. But "Black Friday" has been a blessing and a curse: In recent years, it's become so popular that it's known



Megan Roney shops online at Europa Coffeehouse in Denver Monday, Nov. 28, 2011 on what has become known as Cyber Monday. Online sales on Cyber Monday, which was started in 2005 by a retail trade group to encourage Americans to shop online on the Monday after Thanksgiving, were up mid-afternoon by 15 percent from a year ago, according to data from IBM Benchmark.

(AP Photo/The Denver Post, Helen H. Richardson)

enu. And they know that a catchy name can make a huge difference.

"The more special you make it sound, the more you might be able to get people," says Allen Adamson, a managing director at brand consulting firm Landor Associates. "It's tricky to come up with something simple and sticky."

Retailers have done it before.

"Black Friday," the day after Thanksgiving, in the

start of the holiday shopping season with earlier store hours and deep discounts of up to 70 percent off.

It's since become the busiest shopping day of the year. This past weekend, "Black Friday" sales were \$11.4 billion, up 7 percent, or nearly \$1 billion from the same day last year, according to a report by ShopperTrak, which gathers data from 25,000 outlets across the U.S. It was the largest amount ever spent

for its big crowds, long lines, and even disorder and violence among some shoppers.

"Black Friday has become a victim of its own success," says Adamson, the branding expert. "It has been successful to the point where it has created the opportunity that if you don't want to deal with the madness, come out on Tuesday or some other day."

"Cyber Monday" was coined in 2005 when a retail trade group noticed a

spike in online sales on the Monday after Thanksgiving when people returned to their work computers and shopped. While more people now have Internet access at home, retailers still offer discounts and other online promotions for the day started by Shop.org, part of The National Retail Federation.

The day has grown increasingly popular. Last year, it was the busiest online shopping day ever, with sales of more than \$1 billion, according to research firm ComScore Inc.

During this week's "Cyber Monday," the NRF says nearly 80 percent of retailers plan to offer special promotions. And a record 122.9 million of Americans are expected to shop on the day, up from 106.9 million who shopped on "Cyber Monday" last year, according to a survey conducted for Shop.org.

Marketers are hoping to strike gold again. Many are doing so by appealing to Americans who've become disenchanted with big business and commercialism.

Nonprofit Green America is launching "Green Tuesday" this week to encourage people to buy gifts with the environment and local communities in mind. The group is planning to push the event every Tuesday through December.

Green America, which says it aims to support society and the environment through economic programs, plans to showcase deals on its website, including jewelry made from recycled nuclear bomb equipment from online retailer Fromwartopeace.com and a self-watering system for plants by Dri Water. □

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Sonrisa Sinterklaas Party hosted by Holiday Inn employees



SAN NICOLAS - The team consisting of Accounting/Sales/Human Resources and the Executive Office of the Holiday Inn Resort Aruba joined hands together to host a party in celebration of San Nicolas for the Organization "SONRISA".

Sonrisa is a day care center for kids and adults with limited mental abilities. The team of the Holiday Inn Resort Aruba managed that the Sint and its helpers (Piet's) arrived there with a bag full of gifts, as well took care

of all the food and beverage for all that was present. It was a great pleasure and honor for the employees of the Holiday Inn Resort Aruba, to organize and be part of the celebration of Sint Nicolas at SONRISA! □

Pietersz/Grigg win 18th annual Plaza Golf Tournament



MALMOK - The oldest golf tournament on Aruba, the annual Plaza Golf event, was excellent last Saturday, November 26. No rain showers and a bit overcast; the day was perfect for playing golf. And that was 88 enthusiastic players did. The format was a 2-person scramble, its goal to have fun and good food and drinks afterwards at Café the Plaza in the Renaissance Marketplace. The tournament was won by Gian Pietersz and John Grigg (55.3 net), followed by Larry and Floyd Nedd (57.5); Bonnie and Warren



Stanley got to third place (58.1). Nearest to the Pin at Holes number 3 and 7 was Travis Bernadina; Okko Bas did the same at Hole 13, while Carla Schipper and Liberta Ter Weeme followed suit at Holes 15 and 17 respectively. Annemiek Grijn won the Rookie of the Year award, a gift basket, for being the most promising new player of the tournament.

A special mention is for KLM pilot Sjaak van Pelt, who loves the Plaza Golf

Tournament so much that he flew in for two days. He even helped butter the rolls and 'krentenbollen' for the packed lunches for the players. As a reward he was teamed up with great-playing Carla Schipper! After the afternoon filled with fun and games on the gorgeous Tierra del Sol course, the players drove to Café the Plaza where a terrific buffet awaited them. Golf Pro Adam Williamson is seen in the pictures with the winners. □



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PALM BEACH -- The refreshed and newly reopened Sunset Grille Restaurant hosted a group of executives and associates for lunch just recently, celebrating the achievements of those whose performance excelled during July, August & September, the months leading to the re-opening of the Aruba Tower, following renovations.

A number of individuals distinguished themselves in July with Milaine Jourdain, Housekeeping, and Angele Petronia, Security, among them. The one who earned the Colleague of the Month title for July, Fernando Gomez, nominated by Raynold Semeleer, gained praise in his position as Chief Steward, for balancing all of his tasks, and never dropping any projects entrusted to him.

Additionally, Fernando always makes time for community projects such as Family Fun Day at Arashi, helping with the setup and breakdown promptly and efficiently. For August, Gloria Maduro, Larimar Spa, Maria Medina, Jean Pierre Colina, and Juan Vasquez, all three from the Food & Beverage department outshone all

others in their areas of responsibility however Omar Castaneda, a floor care specialist, received top honors as Colleague of the Month, nominated by Bibi, Fayola and Jessica at the helm of the Housekeeping department, for his role during the refresh of both the Curacao and the Bonaire towers, and for his many contributions to room maintenance and upkeep.

For September Joselito Lacle, Casino, Steve Lacle, Ramon Weindal, and Virgilio Flores, all three from the Food & Beverage department distinguished themselves for their excellent work, however Mary Rose Briezen earned the Colleague of the Month title for her Guest Service activities, projecting helpfulness and dedication, using her skills to enroll group members in the Club Carlson, the hotel reward program, and providing top notch service.

The party at the Sunset Grille featured accolades and delicious food, a well deserved celebration of progress and accomplishment attended by General Manager Rob Smith and the executive committee. □



Grab Life by the Grapes at El Gaucho Argentine Grill



ORANJESTAD -- Over the past few weeks El Gaucho Argentine Grill has had the pleasure of serving a special dinner menu under the slogan "Grab Life by the Grapes." It is a collaborative effort with the Arion Wine Company, presenting a delightful menu, perfectly paired with Catena wines, Malbec

& Chardonnay. The menu is still available at the restaurant until Christmas for \$45.- per person including award-winning wines and delicious food. The menu was introduced during a dinner party, hosted by Elina Lucco Alduncin, who was visiting Aruba as the representative of Bodega Catena Zapata winery

in Argentina. She helped put together the menu which has been selling to rave reviews ever since, including Shrimp Scampi as an appetizer paired with Bodega Catena Zapata Chardonnay Mendoza 2009, a perfectly grilled Rack of Lamb for main course paired with Bodega Catena Zapata Mal-



bec Mendoza 2009, and a signature El Gaucho dessert, Creme Brulee chased by Alamos Torrontes Salta Provinces 2010.

All wines served with dinner rated high by Robert Parker and Wine Spectator Magazine.

You too can make a reservation and try the special

menu while it lasts! Pictured here Marilfi Velasquez, a charming waitress at the restaurant whose guests report dinner was spectacular! Marilfi had just won a bottle of Catena Malbec -- 91 points Wine spectator and #58 in the Wine Spectator top 100 -- as she has been selling a record number of specials. □

Catch your own dinner with Driftwood! Motto at Driftwood Restaurant: "From the pier to your plate!"



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BURNING UP: Flames end 3 game skid

Calgary Flames' Jarome Iginla, rear left, slides the puck past Minnesota Wild goalie Josh Harding, right, for a goal as the Wild's Justin Falk attempts to defend during the third period of an NHL hockey game, Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, in St. Paul, Minn. Calgary won 5-2.

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In this Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, photo, Syracuse basketball assistant coach Bernie Fine watches a college basketball game against Manhattan in the NIT Season Tip-Off in Syracuse, N.Y.

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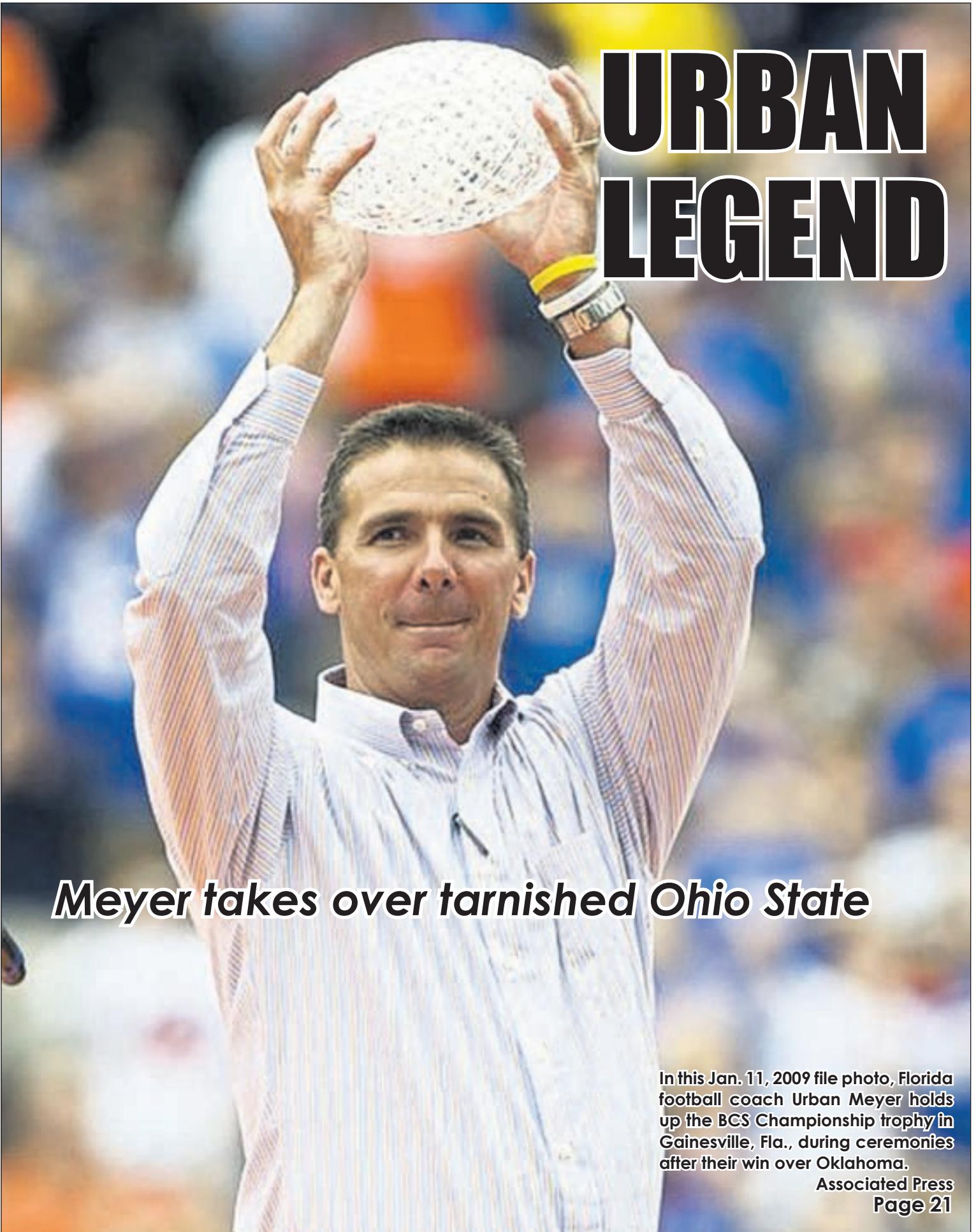
Syracuse U. fires assistant basketball coach

SYRACUSE, New York (AP)

— Syracuse University has fired an assistant basketball coach thirty-six years after he was hired amid an investigation into child molestation allegations against him. Bernie Fine was fired Sunday night after a third man accused him of molesting him. The scandal at Syracuse, a college basketball powerhouse, comes only weeks after child sexual abuse allegations against an assistant coach ended the legendary career of Penn State football coach Joe Paterno. Fine, who turns 66 in December, held the longest active streak of consecutive seasons at one school among assistant basketball coaches at the top level of the sport.

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URBAN LEGEND



Meyer takes over tarnished Ohio State

In this Jan. 11, 2009 file photo, Florida football coach Urban Meyer holds up the BCS Championship trophy in Gainesville, Fla., during ceremonies after their win over Oklahoma.

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Lulay leads BC Lions to Grey Cup title

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Travis Lulay led the British Columbia Lions to the Grey Cup title Sunday, throwing two second-half touchdown passes in a 34-23 victory over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in Canada's gridiron final.

Lulay, who added the game's MVP award to CFL season MVP honors, completed 21 of 37 passes for 320 yards. Lions won the title for the sixth time and became the first team in CFL history to win the championship after opening the season with five straight losses. They also are the first to win at home since 1994.

Lulay's 66-yard TD to Kierrie Johnson on the final play of the third quarter put B.C. ahead 24-9. The Lions then got a huge break with 12:21 left, when Winnipeg defensive end Odell Willis dropped Lulay's screen pass inside



B.C. Lions Andrew Harris hoists the Grey Cup trophy after defeating the Winnipeg Blue Bombers 34-23 in the 99th CFL Grey Cup football game on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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the B.C. 30 with a clear path to the end zone. Lulay then drove the Lions to another touchdown, capping the 82-yard drive with a 6-year-old scoring pass to receiver Arland Bruce III to make it 31-0 with 6:50 remaining. Winnipeg made it interesting with Buck Pierce's two late

touchdown passes. He hit Greg Carr on a 45-yard scoring strike with 3:38 to go, then found Terrence Edwards on a 13-yarder with 1:37 remaining. B.C.'s Paul McCallum put the game away with a 33-yard field goal with 58 seconds left. □

Nadal tired but ready for Davis Cup final

SEVILLE, Spain (AP) — Rafael Nadal is tired but still motivated to lead Spain in its attempt to win a fifth Davis Cup title against Argentina. Spain's top-ranked player had provoked alarm in his home country last week when he said he felt "less passionate for the game" after being eliminated from the ATP World Tour Finals. Following a practice session for the Davis Cup final which begins Friday, Nadal said Monday that his words had been exaggerated.

"Things get blown out of proportion very often because conclusions are drawn far beyond the meaning of what's said," Nadal said. "It's true that this season has been tough. More than a lack of passion, it is a weariness from many years of playing at this level, week after week. "The important thing now is to work each day at 100 percent with the excitement needed to win the Davis Cup."

The contest is a repeat of the 2008 final, when Spain won 3-2 on a hard indoor surface in Argentina despite missing Nadal be-



Rafael Nadal reacts during a tennis training session at the La Cartuja stadium, in Seville, on Monday, Nov. 28, 2011. Spain will play against Argentina for the Davis final, which starts on Friday Dec. 2.

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cause of injury.

This time Nadal will lead a Spain team on the clay surface at Olympic Stadium which includes the fifth-ranked David Ferrer and probable doubles partners Feliciano Lopez and Fernando Verdasco.

Argentina is seeking its first title in four attempts. Juan Martin del Potro and David Nalbandian could face Nadal and Ferrer in the singles rubbers.

Juan Monaco, Juan Igna-

cio Chela and Eduardo Schwank fill out Argentina's provisional squad with captain Tito Vazquez needing to trim his team to four players before the Dec. 1 draw.

"They have great players, all of which stand out on the circuit, so the only thing we can do is concentrate on reaching the final as prepared as possible and then hope our rivals don't have an inspired weekend," Nadal said. □



Donovan, Gators earns 400th win

By KYLE HIGHTOWER

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Florida's Billy Donovan earned his 400th career coaching victory as the Gators rode a 16-point halftime lead to a 96-70 win over Stetson on Monday night.

Bradley Beal had 22 points and 10 rebounds and Irving Walker added 21 to lead the Gators (5-1) in the neutral court matchup at Amway Center. The Hatters (3-3) were led by Chris Perez with 20 points.

Stetson stayed close early on before a 23-4 Gators' run midway through the first half blew the game open. Florida relied on its outside shooting during the spurt, knocking down eight 3-pointers in the half and 14 for the game.

The Gators came into Monday night a little battered on the injury front after starting forward Erik Murphy tore the meniscus in his right knee in practice. Swingman Casey Prather was also nursing a groin strain, but did suit up against the Hatters.

Will Yeguete started in Murphy's place for the second straight game.

Even with a short bench the Gators still attack the Hatters with their press on defense and were pretty effective keeping them off balance with Stetson committing 12 turnovers in the first half alone. Florida also had 14 steals in the game.

It all helped Florida get several open looks in transition from the outside and the Gators took advantage of them.

Florida took a 16-point lead into the break, but led by as many as 22 in the opening 20 minutes.

The Gators kept their cushion by connecting on 8 of 20 shots from beyond the arc in the half, while Stetson knocked down just 1 of 10 attempts.

Stetson trailed just 15-12 early on before Florida went on a 23-4 run that made it 38-16. The Hatters held 18-17 rebounding edge, though, and responded with a 13-0 run to get within nine before the Gators ended the period on a 9-2 spurt.

Beal had three of Florida's first-half 3's and led all scorers with 12 points. Diaz and Green paced Stetson with nine points apiece. □

Tanguay, Iginla lead Flames past sloppy Wild 5-2

The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP) —

Alex Tanguay and Jarome Iginla had third-period goals to pad Calgary's lead and help stop a three-game losing streak for the Flames with a 5-2 win on Sunday over the Minnesota Wild.

Matt Giordano, Lee Stempniak and T.J. Brodie scored during a furious first period, and Mikka Kiprusoff steadied himself after the early barrage to make 19 saves for the Flames. He improved to 26-15-5 in his career against the Wild.

Cal Clutterbuck and Nick Johnson had goals in those first 9 minutes for the Wild, but goalie Niklas Backstrom was pulled for Josh Harding after the Flames took a 3-2 lead. Backstrom was in the net for the first time in four games — he was tending to a personal matter this week — and was yanked from a home game for the first time in nearly two years.

***MAPLE LEAFS 5, DUCKS 2**

At Anaheim, Tyler Bozak scored twice to lead Toronto past Anaheim.

Bozak and Clarke MacAr-

thur scored 19 seconds apart in the first period for Toronto, which reclaimed first place in the Northeast Division and sent the spiraling Ducks to their seventh consecutive loss.

Joffrey Lupul had two assists for Toronto against his former team, Joey Crabb also scored and Luke Schenn added an empty-netter from in front of his own goal with 12 seconds left.

Corey Perry and Francois Beauchemin scored for the Ducks, who have only 16 points — the NHL's second-lowest total.

***SENATORS 4, HURRICANES 3**

At Ottawa, Jason Spezza scored twice, including his 200th regular-season goal, and David Runblad got his first NHL goal to lead Ottawa past Carolina.

Spezza reached the milestone with his second goal of the game on a power play late in the first period. His first tally 55 seconds in ended a personal 11-game goal drought.

Zack Smith also scored and Craig Anderson made 34

saves for Ottawa, which is on a 4-1-1 run.

Eric Staal and Alexei Ponikarovsky scored in the third as Carolina twice closed to within one. Patrick Dwyer also had a goal for the Hurricanes and Cam Ward made 21 saves.

***BLUES 2, BLUE JACKETS 1**

At Columbus, Ohio, David Backes scored in the third period to lift St. Louis to the win over Columbus in coach Ken Hitchcock's first game against his former club.

Kris Russell, who was traded from Columbus earlier in the month, also scored for St. Louis, which is 7-1-2 since Hitchcock replaced Davis Payne on Nov. 6.

Brian Elliott made 23 saves for the Blues to improve to 10-1-0 this season.

Derek Dorsett scored and Curtis Sanford made 27 saves for Columbus, which had its five-game points streak snapped.

In other NHL games it was Ottawa 4, Carolina 3; St. Louis 2, Columbus 1; Calgary 5, Minnesota 2; and Toronto 5, Anaheim 2. □



Calgary Flames' Jarome Iginla, rear left, slides the puck past Minnesota Wild goalie Josh Harding, right, for a goal as the Wild's Justin Falk attempts to defend during the third period of an NHL hockey game, Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011, in St. Paul, Minn. Calgary won 5-2.

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Carolina fires Maurice amid rough start to season

RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP) — The last-place Carolina Hurricanes of the National Hockey League have fired coach Paul Maurice — the second time he's been dismissed by the club.

The team announced the firing in a statement Monday and said it would announce a new coach later. Carolina dropped to 8-13-4 this season following Sunday night's 4-3 loss at Ottawa and has lost 10 of its last 13 games.

The Hurricanes are last in the Southeast Division and 14th in the Eastern Conference.

Maurice took over the Hurricanes during the 2008-09 season and led them to the Eastern Conference final, but they haven't been back to the playoffs since. He also coached the Caro-



In this Nov. 20, 2011 file photo, Carolina Hurricanes head coach Paul Maurice gestures during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Raleigh, N.C. The last-place Hurricanes have fired coach Maurice — the second time he's been dismissed by the club. The team announced the firing in a statement Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, and said it would announce a new coach later in the day.

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lina-Hartford franchise from 1995-2003 before his first firing.

His combined record with the team was 384-391-145. □

Caps fire coach Boudreau; replaced by Dale Hunter

ARLINGTON, Virginia (AP) —

The Washington Capitals of the National Hockey League have fired coach Bruce Boudreau and replaced him with Dale Hunter.

The Capitals announced the move Monday, less than a week after Boudreau reached 200 wins faster than any coach in modern NHL history.

But the Capitals have otherwise been struggling, losing six of their last eight to fall to eighth in the Eastern Conference despite a talented lineup led by two-time league MVP Alex Ovechkin.

Boudreau was hired four years ago on Thanksgiving Day. He went 201-88-40 in the regular season but just 17-20 in the playoffs.

The 51-year-old Hunter played 19 seasons in the NHL and is one of four players to have his number retired by the Capitals.

He makes his debut Tuesday against the St. Louis Blues. □



In this May 5, 2011 file photo, Washington Capitals head coach Bruce Boudreau talks during a news conference at the Kettler Capitals Iceplex in Arlington, Va.

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LSU, Bama in control of BCS standings, Okla St 3rd

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

Only a major upset or a dramatic shift by voters can prevent a rematch between LSU and Alabama in the BCS national championship game. The Tigers and Crimson Tide hold down the top two spots for the second straight week, and by a wide margin over third-place Oklahoma State. Stanford is fourth and Virginia Tech fifth. LSU (1.000 BCS average) is a unanimous No. 1 in both the coaches' poll and the Harris poll, and is top-ranked in the computer ratings. Alabama (.9551) is an overwhelming No. 2 in the polls and second in the computers. Oklahoma State (.8712), with one game left against Oklahoma on Saturday,



LSU players hold up "The Boot" trophy, part of an annual rivalry between LSU and Arkansas, after their NCAA college football game in Baton Rouge, La., Friday, Nov. 25, 2011. LSU won 41-17.

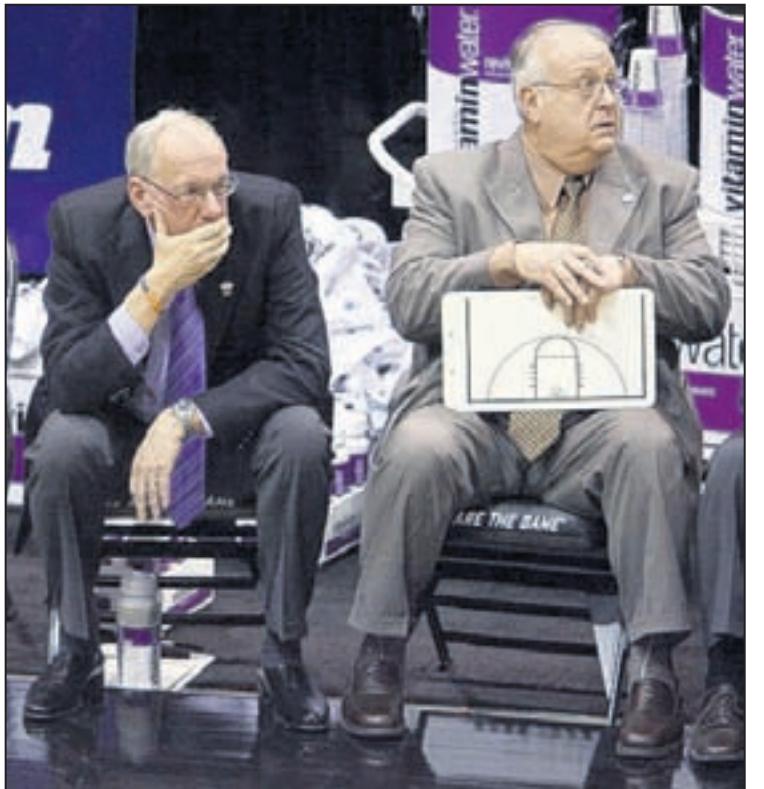
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day, is third in the computer ratings and fifth in the polls. LSU (12-0) plays Georgia in the Southeastern Conference championship game on Saturday. Win that, and the Tigers earn a spot in

the BCS title game Jan. 9 in New Orleans. If the Tigers lose to the Bulldogs, they still have a chance to remain in the BCS top two and play for the national title. Alabama is done

with its season. Oklahoma State plays Oklahoma on Saturday, with the chance for another statement victory against a good team. But with the Cowboys fifth in both polls it would take an enormous swing by voters to push them past either SEC team. While there might not be any games with national championship implications and championship weekend, plenty of BCS bids will be determined. Michigan State and Wisconsin play in the Big Ten championship game with the winner going to the Rose Bowl. Oregon and UCLA meet in the Pac-12 title game Friday night with a Rose Bowl berth on the line. The Bruins (6-6) would not even qualify for a bowl if they lose to in Eugene. □

Oklahoma State might be shut out of the national title game, but the Bedlam rivalry game will still determine the Big 12 champion and—at worst—a spot in the Fiesta Bowl. The Atlantic Coast Conference championship game between Clemson and Virginia Tech will determine which teams plays in the Orange Bowl. Houston can clinch its spot as this year's BCS buster by beating Southern Mississippi at home in the Conference USA championship game. The undefeated Cougars are sixth in the latest standings. The Big East has three teams still alive for its conference title and BCS berth: Cincinnati, Louisville and West Virginia, though none of the contenders controls the race. □



In this March 25, 2010, file photo, Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim, left, and associate head basketball coach Bernie Fine sit on the bench at the end of an NCAA West Regional semifinal college basketball game against Butler in Salt Lake City.

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expressed regret for his initial statements that might have been "insensitive to victims of abuse." "The allegations that have come forth today are disturbing and deeply troubling," Boeheim said in a statement released by the school. "I am personally very shocked because I have never witnessed any of the activities that have been alleged. I believe the university took the appropriate step tonight. What is most important is that this matter be fully investigated and that anyone with information be supported to come forward so that the truth can be found. I deeply regret any statements I made that might have inhibited that from occurring or been insensitive to victims of abuse."

Boeheim, like Paterno at Penn State, put an obscure northeastern town on the American sports map. Syracuse had been known more for its snow than sports before Boeheim took over the basketball program in the 1970s.

Fine was an integral part of the staff that guided Syracuse to the national championship in 2003. During his tenure the Orange also made two other appearances in the NCAA

title game, losing in 1987 to Indiana and in 1996 to Kentucky. He also guided the U.S. Maccabiah team to a silver medal at the 1993 World Maccabiah Games in Israel and has served as director of a successful basketball camp in the Northeast. Tomaselli, who faces sexual assault charges in Maine involving a 14-year-old boy, said during a telephone interview with The Associated Press that he signed an affidavit accusing Fine following a meeting with Syracuse police last week in Albany.

Tomaselli's father, meanwhile, maintains his son is lying.

Two former Syracuse ball boys were the first to accuse Fine, who has called the allegations "patently false."

Bobby Davis, now 39, told ESPN that Fine molested him beginning in 1984 and that the sexual contact continued until he was around 27. A ball boy for six years, Davis told ESPN that the abuse occurred at Fine's home, at Syracuse basketball facilities and on team road trips, including the 1987 Final Four.

Davis' stepbrother, Mike Lang, 45, who also was a ball boy, told ESPN that Fine

began molesting him while he was in fifth or sixth grade. When the accusations first became public Nov. 17, Boeheim adamantly defended his lifelong friend. In an interview that day with the Post-Standard newspaper, Boeheim attacked Davis' reasons for going public with his accusations.

"The Penn State thing came out, and the kid behind this is trying to get money," Boeheim said. "He's tried before. And now he's trying again."

If he gets this, he's going to sue the university and Bernie. What do you think is going to happen at Penn State? You know how much money is going to be involved in civil suits? I'd say about \$50 million. That's what this is about. Money."

The trustees said Spanier and Paterno, who is not the target of any criminal investigation, failed to act after a graduate assistant claimed he saw Sandusky sexually abusing a young boy in a campus shower in 2002. Former school administrators Tim Curley — who is on administrative leave — and Gary Schultz are charged with not properly alerting authorities to suspected abuse and with perjury. They maintain their innocence. □

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He has denied the allegations.

Zach Tomaselli, 23, of Maine, said Sunday that he told police that Fine molested him in 2002 in a Pittsburgh hotel room.

The third accuser to come forward, Tomaselli said Fine touched him "multiple" times in that one incident.

Tomaselli said the scandal at Penn State involving former assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky prompted him to come forward. Sandusky is accused in a grand jury indictment of sexually abusing eight boys over a 15-year period. Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim, a Hall of Fame member, said he supported the university's decision to fire his longtime assistant and

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Urban Meyer returns home to coach Ohio State

By RUSTY MILLER

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Urban Meyer is back on familiar turf, fit and rarin' to go as Ohio State's new football coach.

Without question, he'd like to add to the national titles and success he had at Florida — only this time with a better ending: No burnout. A match that seemed obvious for months was made Monday, when the Buckeyes hired Meyer to take over a glamour program struggling through a year of well-publicized NCAA violations.

Meyer resigned as Gators coach after last season, citing health concerns and a desire to spend more time with his family.

"A year ago in my mind I was convinced I was done coaching," the 47-year-old said.

He's now convinced he can balance a healthy life and a high-pressure job.

"I had a health scare a couple of years ago that made me sit back, reflect," Meyer said of heart and stress problems. "I didn't feel right. But I feel fantastic now."

He did, though, yearn to be back on the sideline at the Horseshoe.

"If not for the coaching position at Ohio State, I would not have coached this year," said Meyer, who grew up in Ashtabula, Ohio, about 200 miles away from campus.

Meyer will become one of the highest-paid coaches in college football, along with Alabama's Nick Saban and Oklahoma's Bob Stoops and Texas' Mack

Brown. He was given a six-year contract that pays \$4 million annually, plus another \$2.4 million total in "retention payments." He also can qualify for supplemental bonuses.

Interim coach Luke Fickell, who took over when Jim Tressel was forced out for breaking NCAA rules, will coach the Buckeyes (6-6) in their bowl game. Meyer will keep him on as an assistant but declined to say in what capacity.

Ohio State athletic director Gene Smith said his first conversation with Meyer about the coaching job was by phone on Nov. 20. The two met face-to-face three days later.

"There's a right time for certain leaders," he said. "This is the right time for Urban Meyer to lead this football team. ... He gets it."

Meyer spent six years at Florida, winning national titles in 2006 and 2008. He spent his year away from coaching working as an analyst for ESPN and watching his two daughters play volleyball for their college teams. Former Ohio State coach Earle Bruce gave Meyer his first college coaching job in 1986 and remained a close friend and confidant through the years. He said he had no concerns about Meyer's health.

"Well, if he'd had a heart attack and his heart was bad, I'd be worried about that," the 80-year-old Bruce said. "I'm not worried that he was stressed out over the game of football because he was thinking too much and not doing some things (exercising) that would

have kept him straight. I think he got everything back under control by sitting out a year. I think he missed football. And he's good at it."

Meyer met with the team on Monday before his news conference and said he was impressed with the players' enthusiasm.

Meyer takes over a program that is likely facing NCAA sanctions and was crippled by the forced resignation of Tressel. The Buckeyes completed their only season under Fickell with a 40-34 loss to Michigan on Saturday that snapped a seven-game winning streak against their rivals.

Tressel was forced out for knowing but not telling his superiors that Buckeyes players likely broke NCAA rules by taking cash and free or discounted tattoos from the subject of a federal drug-trafficking investigation.

In 10 seasons as a head coach — two at Bowling Green, two at Utah and six at Florida — Meyer has a 104-23 record. His teams are 7-1 in bowl games, including the Gators' 41-14 victory over unbeaten and top-ranked Ohio State in the 2007 Bowl Championship Series title game.

Meyer initially denied all the talk about succeeding Tressel, saying he wasn't interested in leaving ESPN, where he was a college football analyst.

"He enjoyed what he was doing, but I think he also had the bug to start coaching again," ESPN broadcast partner and former Ohio State linebacker Chris



Ohio State football coach Urban Meyer listens to a question during a news conference Monday, Nov. 28, 2011, in Columbus, Ohio. Meyer, the former Florida coach and native Buckeye, was officially hired Monday by Ohio State, a program with a glittering past that has suffered through a difficult year of NCAA violations.

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Spielman said. "This was just an opportunity that he couldn't pass up."

Meyer inherits a young team led by freshman quarterback Braxton Miller, who would seem to be a perfect fit for his spread offense.

"We're putting a lot of pressure on this cat," Meyer joked. "He's special."

Ohio State's .500 record this season marked the most losses at Ohio State since John Cooper's 1999 team also went 6-6 overall and 3-5 in the Big Ten.

The Buckeyes already lost their string of six Big Ten titles when the school was forced to vacate the 2010 season for the NCAA violations. The school has also self-imposed two years of NCAA probation and offered to return \$339,000 in bowl revenue from 2010 and to forfeit five scholarships over the next three

seasons.

Ohio State is awaiting final word from the NCAA's committee on infractions. The committee tagged Ohio State with a "failure to monitor" label — second only to a lack of institutional control on the list of most egregious charges against a university. The school could still be hit with a bowl ban, a loss of more scholarships, or other penalties.

Ohio State President Gordon Gee was at Vanderbilt when Meyer was in the Southeastern Conference with Florida.

"I always viewed him the way many other coaches referred to him as being a goody two-shoes," Gee said in a phone interview. "He was called that because he always tried to do things right, and he was upset if others didn't try to do it right. I have always admired him. □

Personal health:**It could be old age, or it could be low b12****JANE E. BRODY**

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Ilisa Katz was 85 when her daughter, Vivian Atkins, first noticed that her mother was becoming increasingly confused.

"She couldn't remember names, where she'd been or what she'd done that day," Atkins recalled in an interview. "Initially, I was not too worried. I thought it was part of normal aging. But over time, the confusion and memory problems became more severe and more frequent."

Her mother couldn't remember the names of close relatives or what day it was. She thought she was going to work or needed to go downtown, which she never did. And she was often agitated.

A workup at a memory clinic resulted in a diagnosis of early Alzheimer's disease, and Katz was prescribed Aricept, which Atkins said seemed to make matters worse. But the clinic also tested Katz's blood level of vitamin B12. It was well below normal, and her doctor thought that could be contributing to her symptoms. Weekly B12 injections were begun.

"Soon afterward, she became less agitated, less confused and her memory was much better," Atkins said. "I felt I had my mother back, and she feels a lot better, too."

Now 87, Katz still lives alone in Manhattan and feels well enough to refuse outside assistance.

Still, her daughter wondered, "Why aren't B12 levels checked routinely, particularly in older people?" It is an important question. As we age, our ability to absorb B12 from food declines, and often so does our consumption of foods rich in this vitamin. A B12 deficiency can creep up without warning and cause a host of confusing symptoms that are likely to be misdiagnosed or ascribed to aging.

A VITAL NUTRIENT

B12 is an essential vitamin with roles throughout the



Low levels of the essential vitamin like B-12, can bring on symptoms that mimic aging, including muscle weakness, fatigue, shakiness, unsteady gait, incontinence, low blood pressure and depression.

(Yvetta Fedorova/The New York Times)

body. It is needed for the development and maintenance of a healthy nervous system, the production of DNA and formation of red blood cells.

A severe B12 deficiency results in anemia, which can be picked up by an ordinary blood test. But the less dramatic symptoms of a B12 deficiency may include muscle weakness, fatigue, shakiness, unsteady gait, incontinence, low blood pressure, depression and other mood disorders, and cognitive problems like poor memory.

Labs differ in what they consider normal, but most authorities say a deficiency occurs when B12 levels in adults fall below 250 picograms per milliliter of blood serum. Like all B vitamins, B12 is water-soluble, but the body stores extra B12 in the liver and other tissues. Even if dietary sources are inadequate for some time, a serum deficiency may not show up for years.

If the amount of B12 in storage is low to begin with, a deficiency can develop within a year, even more quickly in infants.

Recommended dietary amounts of B12 vary: 2.4 micrograms daily for those age 14 and older, 2.6 micrograms for pregnant women and 2.8 micrograms for nursing women. Barring

circumstances that impair B12 absorption, these are levels easily obtained from a well-balanced diet containing animal protein.

In its natural form, B12 is present in significant amounts only in animal foods, most prominently in liver (83 micrograms in a 3.5-ounce serving). Good food sources include other red meats, turkey, fish and shellfish. Lesser amounts of the vitamin are present in dairy products, eggs and chicken.

THOSE AT RISK

Natural plant sources are meager at best in B12, and the vitamin is poorly absorbed from them. Many strict vegetarians and all vegans, as well as infants they breast-feed, must consume supplements or fortified breakfast cereals to get adequate amounts. Certain organisms, like the bacterium Spirulina and some algae, contain a pseudo-B12 that the body cannot use but may result in a false reading of a normal B12 level on a blood test. Despite claims to the contrary, kelp, a seaweed, and barley grass are not reliable sources of B12.

In animal foods, B12 is combined with protein and must be released by stomach acid and an enzyme to be absorbed. Thus, chronic users of acid-suppressing drugs like Prilosec, Prevacid and Nexium, as well as ulcer medications like Pepcid and Tagamet, are at risk of developing a B12 deficiency and often require a daily B12 supplement.

Stomach acid levels decline with age. As many as 30 percent of older people may lack sufficient stomach acid to absorb adequate amounts of B12 from natural sources. Therefore, regular consumption of fortified foods or supplementation with 25 to 100 micrograms of B12 daily is recommended for people over 50.

Synthetic B12, found in supplements and fortified foods, does not depend on stomach acid to be absorbed. But whether natu-

ral or synthetic, only some of the B12 consumed gets into the body. Treatment to correct a B12 deficiency typically involves much larger doses than the body actually requires.

Free B12 from both natural and synthetic sources must be combined with a substance in the stomach called intrinsic factor to be absorbed through the gut. This factor is lacking in people with an autoimmune disorder called pernicious anemia; the resulting vitamin deficiency is commonly treated with injections of B12.

Although most doctors are quick to recommend injections to correct a B12 deficiency, considerable evidence indicates that, in large enough doses, sublingual (under-the-tongue) tablets or skin patches of B12 may work as well as injections for people with absorption problems, even for those with pernicious anemia.

Most often, a daily supplement of 2,000 micrograms is recommended for about a month, then lowered to 1,000 micrograms daily for another month, then lowered again to 1,000 micrograms weekly. Sublingual B12 or B12 patches, or even B12 lollipops, can be helpful for people who require a supplement but cannot swallow pills.

Others at risk of developing a B12 deficiency include heavy drinkers (alcohol diminishes B12 absorption), those who have had stomach surgery for weight loss or ulcers, and people who take aminosalicylic acid (for inflammatory bowel disease or tuberculosis) or the diabetes drug metformin (sold as Glucophage and other brands). Patients who take the anticonvulsants phenytoin, phenobarbital or primidone are also at risk.

Large doses of folic acid can mask a B12 deficiency and cause permanent neurological damage if normal levels of B12 are not maintained. Supplements of potassium impair B12 absorption in some people. □



Krystal Mclear, a kidney donor who is helping craft new policies to improve transplant centers' tracking of the long-term health of living kidney donors, poses for a portrait in Indian Head, Md.

(AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin)

Making sure kidney donors fare as well as promised

LAURAN NEERGAARD**AP Medical Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — More and more Americans are donating one of their kidneys to a loved one, a friend, even a stranger, and now a move is on to make sure those donors really fare as well as they're promised.

Specialists insist the surgery rarely brings serious complications for the donor. What's less certain is the risk of any long-term health consequences, in part because transplant centers can lose track of donors after they go home.

"Who's taking care of the donor after the surgery? Really, no one is," says kidney donor Krystal Mclear, 32, who serves on a committee for the network that runs the U.S. organ transplant system.

The United Network for Organ Sharing is debating some new policies to change that. Among the proposals: A checklist for evaluating would-be donors and fully explaining the risks — plus requirements to better monitor those donors' health and social stability for two years. Centers would have to track such things as the condition of the remaining kidney, and whether the donor has a hard time getting health or life insurance afterward. □



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Is technology friend or foe to Santa Claus?



This Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2010 file photo shows Phil Martella dressed as Santa Claus as he arrives at a mall for seasonal photographs with children in Buffalo, N.Y. Kids can video chat with Santa, follow him on Twitter or enlist NORAD to track his every move online. And yet in many ways, technology may be making it harder for parents to keep their children believing in the jolly old elf.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Kids can video chat with Santa, follow him on Twitter or enlist NORAD to track his every move online. And yet in many ways, technology may be making it harder for parents to keep their children believing in the jolly old elf.

At nearly every turn, the Internet threatens to blow the fat man's cover. Practically any schoolchild can type "Is Santa real?" into Google. And just a few clicks can bring youngsters to websites that sell customized letters from the

North Pole or offer advice on how Mom and Dad can fool the kids into believing in old St. Nick.

"I have a love-hate relationship with technology and Santa," said Kristi Kovakalak, a mom in St. Louis. "The beauty of Santa is the not knowing. Technology is all about knowing, and knowing this instant. I swear, Google is the nemesis of the North Pole."

She embraces digital life daily but stays far away from cyber-Santa for her two boys, ages 5 and 11. "We don't do robo-calls. We don't submit lists to Santa online. I don't have

tracking apps on my phone," she said. "Too much proof means you then have to explain away when the next crazy thing contradicts it."

Kevin Grout and his wife had a close call recently while watching a Santa Claus parade on TV with their children, ages 6, 4 and 5 months. A commercial came on for a website that creates email greetings from Santa. They switched channels just in time. "We're definitely in this boat, primarily with our oldest. She's a smart cookie," said Grout, of St. Catharines, Ontario. "It was clear to me a poor strategy to run it during a Santa Claus parade when many kids

would be tuned in."

Santa sites can easily be found by any kid with an iPad. Igco.com, for example, screams: "Discover our acclaimed letter from Santa, phone call from Santa, Santa evidence kits and official good list certificate. Make your children's eyes pop out of their heads this Christmas!" (Parents might have fun explaining away the Santa boot print kit, complete with a plastic template and a shaker full of snow crystals, for \$15.99.) Over at Santa.com is a menu of prices for letters from Santa. There's a fancy one on a scroll for \$19.99 and a simple postcard for nearly \$3. (Mommy, why does Santa charge?)

Enter the search query "Is Santa real?" and up comes an entry on a psychology site about the dreaded question itself and how parents who are trying to keep the Santa secret live in fear this time of year.

Kyla Kelim of Fairhope, Alabama, caught her oldest, a 9-year-old boy, on her iPad playing Santa sleuth a week or so ago. "We're so close with him this year, not believing," she said. "He was Googling 'Santa,' and I saw him type the word 'myth' when I grabbed it and said no electronics. I'm constantly having to follow my phone and iPad and stuff around right now. We're trying not to debunk Santa for our 7-year-old." □

EU data protection reform to replace national laws

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union wants to replace a mishmash of national laws on data protection with one bloc-wide reform, updating laws put in place long before Facebook and other social networking sites even existed. EU Justice Commissioner Viviane Reding said Monday that social networks must become more open about how they operate. Under her proposals, businesses — including Internet service providers — would have additional responsibilities, such as having to inform users of what data about them is being collected, for what purpose, and how it is stored. EU regulators have been concerned about how commercial online services use customers' personal

data to attract advertisers, saying they want to make sure that citizens' Internet privacy rights are respected. "All social network service providers active in the EU must fully comply with EU data protection laws," Reding said. "Companies have a specific responsibility when personal data is their main economic asset."

Existing EU laws date to 1995, long before Facebook and other social networking sites existed. EU officials expect the draft legislation to be ready early next year, and after that, it could take up to 18 months for the bill to become law. The EU has to iron out differences between its members over privacy issues. Countries like France and Germany favor stronger protections for privacy,

while Ireland, Britain and others prefer more market-friendly rules.

A Eurobarometer survey this summer found that 75 percent of Europeans are worried about how companies — including search engines like Google and social networks like Facebook or LinkedIn — use their private information.

The proposed reform also would help businesses by replacing the current patchwork of 27 national regulations, she said.

"They need ... to have a 'one-stop-shop' when it comes to data protection matters, one law and one single data protection authority," Reding told the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU. "I want to drastically cut red tape." □

Stocks soar on big shopping weekend, Europe

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A weekend of strong holiday shopping in the U.S. and radical proposals for stanching Europe's debt crisis sent stocks soaring Monday. The Standard & Poor's 500 index broke a seven-day losing streak and the Dow Jones industrial average jumped 291 points, its biggest gain in a month.

Markets in Europe also surged as leaders there discussed previously unthinkable approaches for containing the region's debt troubles, such as joint bond sales and much tighter fiscal controls. France's CAC-40 jumped 5.5 percent. Indexes in Germany and Italy rose 4.6 percent. The battered euro rose against the dollar.

European finance ministers discussed aggressive measures to stop the debt crisis from destroying the 17-nation currency union. In a sign of how desperate the situation has become, one proposal being discussed ahead of a financial summit Tuesday calls for having nations cede control over their budgets to a central European authority. Profiligate borrowing and spending by Greece and other countries helped trigger the two-year old crisis.

Another plan calls for Europe's most stable economies like Germany, France and Austria to jointly sell

bonds to provide assistance to the region's most indebted members. Retail stocks, meanwhile, spiked after initial reports showed a record number of shoppers hit the mall or bought gifts online during the holiday weekend. Macy's Inc. rose 4.7 per-

cent and Best Buy Co. rose 3.4 percent. Thanksgiving weekend is a make-or-break time for many retailers. Black Friday is often the biggest retail sales day of the year.

The Dow soared 291.23 points, or 2.6 percent, to 11,523.01. Alcoa Inc. jumped 5.7 percent, the most of the 30 stocks in the Dow. The Dow plunged 564 points last week on fear that Europe's debt cri-

sis was spreading to large countries like Spain, Italy and even Germany.

The S&P 500 rose 33, or 2.9 percent, to 1,192.55. The gains came across industries and sectors; only six stocks in the index fell. The Nasdaq composite rose 85, or 3.5 percent, to 2,527.34.

over the weekend, up from \$365.34 a year ago. That's an encouraging sign for consumer spending.

The retail numbers added to a growing set of indicators, including steady drops in the number of new applications for unemployment benefits, that suggest the U.S. economy is continuing to heal. As recently as August, there were widespread concerns that the U.S. could enter another recession. "This goes in stark contrast to the gloom and doom that had been over markets," said Rob Lutts, president of Salem, Massachusetts-based investment firm Cabot Money Management. "A lot of the stocks I follow have been more oversold than any time I can remember in the last few years."

That negativity has helped drag the S&P 500 down 5.9 percent in November.

Monday's gains broke a seven-day losing streak for the index, its longest since the wild market swings from this August. That slide took the S&P down 7.9 percent. Bank stocks rose sharply as investors became less fearful of an imminent freeze-up in Europe's financial system. Citigroup Inc. leapt 6 percent and Morgan Stanley jumped 4.1 percent.

Despite the big move in the markets Monday, many troubling questions remain about the situation in Europe. □



Trader Warren Meyers works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, Nov. 28, 2011. Hopes for a more far-reaching solution to Europe's debt crisis and a strong start to the U.S. shopping season sent stocks sharply higher Monday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

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As the threat of an imminent meltdown in Europe ebbed, U.S. investors focused on a strong weekend of holiday shopping. A record 226 million shoppers visited stores and websites during the four-day holiday weekend starting on Thanksgiving Day, up from 212 million last year, according to early estimates by The National Retail Federation. They spent more, too: The average holiday shopper spent \$398.62

Fitch keeps AAA US credit rating but dims future outlook

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fitch said Monday that it will keep its rating for long-term U.S. debt at the top AAA level, despite a congressional panel's failure to agree on long-term deficit cuts. But it is lowering its outlook to negative.

The rating agency said it has less confidence in the federal government's ability to take the necessary steps to rein in the deficit.

A special congressional panel failed last week to reach agreement on \$1.2 trillion in deficit cuts over the next decade.

The impasse triggered automatic cuts of the same amount, which are scheduled to kick in beginning in 2013.

Moody's Investors Services and Standard & Poor's also left their ratings unchanged last week.

But Moody's threatened to lower its rating if Congress backed off the automatic cuts.

S&P downgraded long-term U.S. debt in August to the second-highest level, AA-plus, and switched its outlook to negative.

It was the first time the credit rating agency had lowered the nation's AAA rating since granting it in 1917. □

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US judge rejects \$285M SEC-Citigroup agreement



A judge on Monday used unusually harsh language to reject a \$285 million settlement between Citigroup and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

LARRY NEUMEISTER

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge on Monday used unusually harsh language to reject a \$285 million settlement between Citigroup and the Securities and Exchange Commission over toxic mortgage securities, saying he couldn't tell whether the deal was fair and criticizing regulators for shielding the public from details of the firm's wrongdoing. U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff said the public has a right to know what happens in cases that touch on "the transparency of financial markets whose gy-

ations have so depressed our economy and debilitated our lives." In such cases, the SEC has a responsibility to ensure that the truth emerges, he wrote.

Rakoff said he had spent hours trying to assess the settlement but concluded that he had not been given "any proven or admitted facts upon which to exercise even a modest degree of independent judgment." He called the settlement "neither fair, nor reasonable, nor adequate, nor in the public interest."

The SEC shot back in a statement issued by Enforcement Director Robert Khuzami, saying the deal was all four of those things and "reasonably reflects the scope of relief that would be obtained after a successful trial."

The SEC had accused the bank of betting against a complex mortgage investment in 2007 — making \$160 million in the process — while investors lost millions. □

A look at economic developments around the globe

PARIS — European leaders rushed to stop a rampaging debt crisis that threatened to shatter their 12-year-old experiment in a common currency and devastate the world economy in the process.

MILAN — Italy's borrowing rates skyrocketed at a bond auction for the second straight business day, as pressure mounted on the eurozone's third-largest economy to come up with quick reforms to keep the euro from breaking up.

LONDON — Global stocks enjoyed one of their best sessions in weeks as further proposals to get a grip on Europe's debt crisis were touted amid signs that the U.S. Christmas shopping season has started off strongly. The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares closed up 2.9 percent, while Germany's DAX rose 4.6 percent. The CAC-40 in France ended 5.5 percent higher.

TOKYO — In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 index jumped 1.6 percent. South Korea's Kospi gained 2.2 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng rose 2 percent. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 added 1.9 percent.

PARIS — The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said policy makers around the world must "be prepared to face the worst," as the economic impact of Europe's debt crisis threatens to spread. □

Euro in danger, Europe races for debt solution



Participants in a Monopoly competition wave their country's flags during a photo call in front of the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, Germany.

(AP Photo/Michael Probst)

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AP Business Writers

PARIS (AP) — European leaders rushed Monday to stop a rampaging debt crisis that threatened to shatter their 12-year-old experiment in a common currency and devastate the world economy as a result. One proposal gaining prominence would have countries cede some control over their budgets to a central European authority. In a measure of how rapidly the peril has grown, that idea would have been unthinkable even three months ago.

World stock markets, glimpsing hope that Europe might finally be shocked into stronger action, staged a big rally. The Dow Jones industrial average in New York rose almost 300 points. In France, stocks rose 5 percent, the most in a month. More relevant to the crisis, borrowing costs for European nations stabilized. They had risen alarmingly in recent weeks — in Greece, then in Italy and Spain, then across the continent, including in Germany, the strongest economy in Europe.

The yields on benchmark bonds issued by Italy and Germany rose, but only

Countries like Ireland, Portugal, Spain, Greece and Italy overspent wildly for years and racked up annual budget deficits that have left them with monstrous debt. Italy holds €1.9 trillion in debt, or 120 percent of the size of its economy.

A fiscal union could prevent excessive spending in the future. More important, it would be a step toward addressing today's debt crisis: It could provide cover for the European Central Bank to stage a massive intervention in the European bond market to drive down borrowing costs and keep the debt crisis under control.

So far, the ECB has resisted, in part because of concerns that bailing out free-spending countries would only encourage them to do it again, a concept known as moral hazard. Enforced budget discipline would ease those concerns. A fiscal union would also pose a practical problem — how to make such a body democratically accountable.

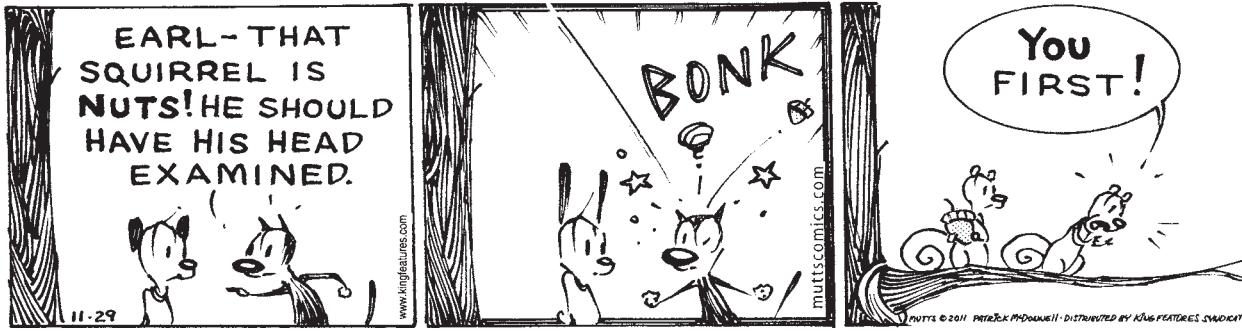
Another option is for the 17 nations in the euro group to sell bonds together, known as eurobonds, to help the countries in the deepest trouble because of debt. Germany has resisted such a plan, because it would raise borrowing costs for it and other nations that have good credit ratings.

While Europe buzzed over the possible solutions, finance ministers of the euro nations prepared for a summit beginning Tuesday evening in Brussels, to be joined the following day by ministers from the rest of the European Union.

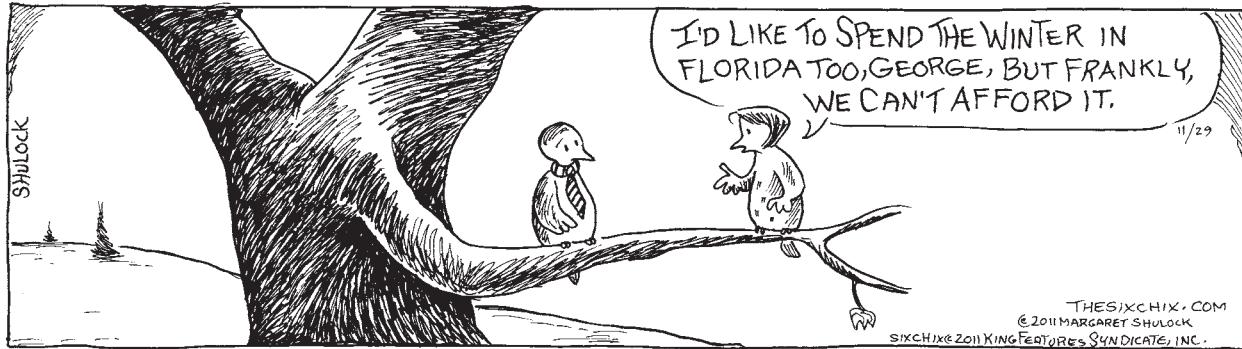
Italy readied an auction of bonds designed to raise €8 billion, or about \$10.6 billion, and steeled itself for the high interest rates it will have to pay.

In Washington, President Barack Obama huddled with European Union officials, but the White House insisted Europe alone was responsible for fixing its debt problems. □

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3 Take a break
4 Bring into harmony
5 Stream
6 Veal or ham
7 Wind direction
8 Most difficult to climb
9 Harm; hinder
10 Lunchtime
11 Small fruit pie
12 Dollar bills
14 Most feeble
21 On __; prompt
25 Tree that bears acorns
26 Doctor's probe
27 Take as the rightful owner
28 Biblical prophet
29 Tear into small pieces
30 Snake's noise
31 Avoid facing up to
32 Euphrates or Mississippi
33 Mammals with webbed flippers
35 __ up; roused
38 Shriveled up
39 Drawing
41 Sheep's cry
42 Thaw
44 Hammered
45 Abhor
47 Buffalo
48 Skinny
49 Ill at __; uncomfortable
50 Make angry
52 Hawaiian or jay
53 Sparrow or jay
54 Actor __ Julia
55 Storage tower
59 Morning grass blade moisture

Today In History

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, November 29, the 333rd day of 2011. There are 32 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1580 - Sir Francis Drake returns to England from circumnavigating the globe.

1798 - Ferdinand IV of Naples declares war on France and enters Rome.

1880 - First Japanese Diet convenes.

1890 - The first U.S. Army-Navy football game is played, with Navy defeating Army 24-0 at West Point, New York.

1918 - Nicholas, King of Montenegro, is deposed, and the kingdom is united with Serbia.

1922 - Archeologists announce they have found fabulous treasures in the tomb of Tutankhamen in Egypt.

1929 - U.S. Navy Lieutenant Richard E. Byrd radios that he has made the first airplane flight over the South Pole.

1945 - Communist state is proclaimed in Yugoslavia, and monarchy is abolished.

1947 - United Nations announces plan to partition Palestine into Jewish and Arab entities, with Jerusalem under United Nations control.

1952 - U.S. President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower keeps his campaign promise to visit Korea to assess the ongoing conflict.

1958 - Eleven more people are sentenced to death for their part in Nigerian political riots in March bringing the number up to 48.

1961 - Enos the chimp is launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbits Earth twice before returning.

1963 - U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson names a commission headed by Earl Warren to investigate the



Today is Kim Delaney's birthday

assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

1964 - Several hundred thousand people demonstrate in Beijing against United States involvement in the Congo, calling it aggression.

1973 - More than 100 people perish in a department store fire in Kumamoto, Japan.

1976 - Following refusal by

Palestinian guerrillas to surrender their weapons, Syria attempts to disarm the former combatants in the Lebanese civil war to avoid a possible military confrontation with Israel on the southern border.

Today's Birthdays:

Giovanni Bellini, Italian artist (1426-1516); Gaetano Donizetti, Italian opera composer (1797-1848); Christian Doppler, Austrian physicist (1803-1853); Louisa May Alcott, U.S. writer (1832-1888); Kim Delaney, U.S. actress (1961--); Joel Coen, U.S. director (1954--); Don Cheadle, U.S. actor (1964--).

Thought For Today:

A conference is a meeting to decide where the next meeting will take place — Anonymous. □

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Bye, bye: McLean clears up 'American Pie' origins

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (AP) — Don McLean says "American Pie" was written in Philadelphia, not the upstate New York bar that has long laid claim to it.

The Post-Star of Glens Falls (<http://bit.ly/s2VIMR>) says the 66-year-old singer and songwriter tells the newspaper that contrary to local lore, he didn't write the song on cocktail napkins at the Tin and Lint in Saratoga Springs. He also says the first time he performed the song wasn't at Caffe Lena (LEE'-nuh), a famous coffeehouse around the corner from the bar. McLean says he wrote "American Pie" in Philadelphia and performed it for the first time at Temple University. "American Pie" hit No. 1 in the Billboard charts in late 1971. □



Singer Don McLean says American Pie was written in Philadelphia, not an upstate New York bar.

Associated Press

Tribeca names Boyer artistic director of festival

NEW YORK (AP) — The Tribeca Film Festival is getting a French connection.

Tribeca announced Monday that Frederic Boyer has been named the artistic director of the festival. Boyer had run the Directors' Fortnight at the Cannes Film Festival since 2009. Boyer is also the artistic director for the Les Arcs European Film Festival in France.

Tribeca's last artistic director was Peter Scarlet, who resigned in 2009.

Chief Creative Officer Geoff Gilmore will also take on a more active role in overseeing the festival's program. Genna Terranova, former senior programmer, was also promoted to director of programming.

The 11th annual Tribeca Film Festival will be held April 18-29. □

Dixie Chicks DVD a 'gift' for fans awaiting return

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AP Entertainment Writer

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

— Emily Robison admits it was a little "bizarre" watching "Dixie Chicks Storytellers" half a decade after it first aired.

The show was taped in 2006, and the Dixie Chicks multi-instrumentalist says it feels like a lifetime ago. So many things have changed, including the nation's political climate and the Chicks' continuing, indefinite recording hiatus. The "VH1 Storytellers" installment, out Tuesday for the first time on DVD, is the only material coming from The Dixie Chicks any time soon (the group did make a brief tour with the Eagles

last year).

"It's kind of a gift to our fans right now," Robison said in a phone interview from Texas last week. "Because I know they've been so patient and they're a bit frustrated with our lack of being out there right now. So it's just something we feel like we can put out there and give to them, I guess."

"Storytellers" was taped after the release of "Taking the Long Way," the album that went on to win five Grammys, including album of the year, and now marks the end of the Chicks' discography for the time being. The group was still recovering from the controversy over singer Natalie Maines' 2003 comments

Doris Day sings out for first time in 17 years

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Doris Day, America's pert, honey-voiced sweetheart of the 1950s and 1960s, beguiled audiences with her on-screen romances opposite top Hollywood leading men Cary Grant, Rock Hudson and Jack Lemmon. She adored and misses them all, says the 88-year-old Day. But her deepest yearning is reserved for her late son Terry Melcher, a record producer whose touch and voice are part of Day's first album in nearly two decades.

"Oh, I wish he could be here and be a part of it. I would just love that. But it didn't work out that way," Day said, her voice subdued. It's a voice rarely heard since she withdrew from Hollywood in the early 1980s to the haven she made for herself in the Northern California town of Carmel, where Clint Eastwood was once mayor. "My Heart," set for a Dec. 2 U.S. release, has induced Day to edge back to public attention. The CD includes 13 previously unreleased tracks recorded over a 40-year span, including covers of Joe Cocker's "You Are So Beautiful," the Lovin' Spoonful's "Daydream"



In this Jan. 28, 1989 file photo, actress Doris Day is shown at the Golden Globe Awards in Los Angeles, Calif. Day, America's pert, sweet-voiced sweetheart of the 1960s, releases "My Heart," her first album in 20 years.

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and a handful of standards. All proceeds go to Day's longtime cause, animal welfare.

A condensed version of the album was released in Britain earlier this autumn and landed on the top 10 chart. Melcher, who worked with bands including the Byrds and the Beach Boys, produced most of the songs and sang on two. He died of melanoma in 2004 at

age 62, leaving a void that draws tears from Day when she speaks of him.

"I loved doing it and having Terry with me. That was important, just for me," she said in an interview from Carmel. "I wouldn't think it would be what it is. ... I just love that he is on it. And I miss him terribly, but I have that." The album's release coincides with new recognition for the actress and singer. It was announced this week that her recording of "Que Sera, Sera" ("Whatever Will Be, Will Be"), featured in Alfred Hitchcock's 1956 thriller "The Man Who Knew Too Much" starring Day and Jimmy Stewart, will be included in the Grammy Hall of Fame. In January, Day is to be honored with the Los Angeles Film Critics Association's career achievement award. And that career was storied. She once ruled the box office in a string of fluffy comedies including "Pillow Talk" with Hudson (which earned her a best actress nomination) and "That Touch of Mink" opposite Grant, movies that showcased her verve and fresh-faced sexiness. Her sweet vocals helped make hits of pop tunes including "Sentimental Journey" and Oscar-winners "Que Sera, Sera" and "Secret Love." □



In this Oct. 18, 2007 file photo, Emily Robison, left, and Martie Maguire, right, adjust Natalie Maines' hair as the Dixie Chicks perform at the new Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles.

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against President George W. Bush and the looming war in Iraq. The Dixie Chicks lost about half their audience in the ensuing furor but fought back in a powerful way, drawing support from many quarters. The DVD documents a raw

time for the band, and the emotion shared on songs like "Not Ready to Make Nice" and "Easy Silence" is palpable. Robison said she felt something of a dislocation as she watched a copy of the DVD a few months ago. □

Tobey Maguire, others settle over poker winnings

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tobey Maguire has decided to fold 'em and settle a lawsuit over his winnings from a convicted con man during high-stakes Hollywood poker games.

The "Spider-Man" star agreed to pay \$80,000 to settle the lawsuit filed over more than \$311,000 he was paid by a convicted Ponzi scheme operator in Texas Hold 'Em matches that included celebrities, businessmen and others.

If approved by a judge next month, Maguire will pay the money to a bankruptcy trustee who is trying to recoup money that former hedge fund operator Bradley Ruderman bilked from investors to finance his lavish lifestyle.

The money will be used to repay victims of the scheme, which Maguire and other players were unaware of.

Court records show that 14 of the 22 people sued to re-

coup poker winnings have settled their cases for a total of more than \$1.2 million. Maguire's settlement states he "strongly disputes that he violated any laws, rules or regulations in regard to participating in the poker games" but was agreeing to the payment to avoid fighting the case, which would be costly.

The actor signed the settlement on Nov. 22 and it was filed a day later with a bankruptcy court handling the lawsuits.

The trustee alleged Maguire and others had no right to keep their winnings from the unlicensed poker games held at upscale hotels and private residences. Maguire and others have denied there was anything improper about the matches.

In court filings, Maguire noted that he lost \$168,500 to Ruderman, who is currently serving a 10 year federal prison sentence after pleading guilty to two counts of wire fraud, two



In this May 24, 2010 file photo, actor Tobey Maguire arrives to the Film Society of Lincoln Center's 37th Chaplin Award Gala honoring Michael Douglas in New York.

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counts of investment adviser fraud and willful failure to file taxes.

Several of those sued are fighting the cases, most notably actor-director Nick Cassavetes. His attorney has said the games were not illegal and the statute of limitations has long passed for pursuing any criminal charges for the games held between 2006 and 2009. □

Swedish 'Dragon Tattoo' star's daughter in U.S. film

Sweden's "Millennium" television series, which includes adaptations of Larsson's other books in the series "The Girl Who Played with Fire" and "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest," just won the 2011 International Emmy for best TV miniseries.

Swedish-born Nyqvist said he was curious to see the American version because he says David Fincher "is such a good director and Craig is a good actor," and because his 21-year-old daughter, Ellen, is an extra in the film "by coincidence."

The film shot in a Los Angeles café where his daughter, a college student, was working. She landed a walk-on role that included pouring coffee for Craig, who has played James Bond.

According to Nyqvist, while she was pouring she turned to Craig and asked, "Do you know who my dad is?" The film's distributor, Columbia Pictures, confirms Ellen Nyqvist appears in one scene with Craig. □



In this Nov. 21, 2011 file photo, actor Michael Nyqvist arrives for the International Emmy Awards in New York.

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By LAURI NEFF

NEW YORK (AP) — The star of Sweden's "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" movie says his daughter appears in the upcoming U.S. remake with the actor who takes on his role in the crime drama: Daniel Craig. Michael Nyqvist and Craig both play investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist in films based on the crime trilogy from Swedish author Stieg Larsson.

British film director Ken Russell dies at 84

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LONDON (AP) — Ken Russell got Oliver Reed and Alan Bates to wrestle naked, turned Vanessa Redgrave into a demonic nun and cast Ringo Starr as the pope. Critics and mainstream audiences often hated his films. Actors and admirers loved him.

The iconoclastic British director, whose death aged 84 was announced Monday, made films that blended music, sex and violence in a potent brew seemingly drawn straight from his subconscious.

Only a few of his movies were commercial successes. The best known were "Women in Love," an Academy award-winning adaptation of D.H. Lawrence's novel, and "Tommy," which turned The Who's rock opera into a psychedelic extravaganza complete with appear-



FILE - British film director Ken Russell with British model Twiggy during the filming of the movie "The Boy Friend", at Elstree Studios, north of London, England, in this file photo dated Aug. 4, 1971.

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ances from Elton John, Eric Clapton and Tina Turner. Russell was fascinated with altered mental states and loved horror, religious turmoil and Gothic excess. Critics could be snippy. Pauline Kael once wrote that

Russell's films "cheapen everything they touch."

But many in the film industry felt his influence was underrated.

Twiggy, who starred in Russell's 1971 film "The Boy Friend," said directors

like Steven Spielberg and George Lucas "say that as a kid they would watch Ken Russell movies. I don't think he got the attention he deserved."

Glenda Jackson, who won a best actress Academy Award for "Women in Love," said Russell was an "incredible visual genius." "It's an absolute shame that the British film industry has ignored him," she said. "It's an absolute disgrace... He broke down barriers for so many people."

"Women in Love," in 1969, was one of Russell's biggest hits, earning Academy Award nominations for the director and for writer Larry Kramer, as well as winning

Jackson an Oscar. It included one of the decade's most famous scenes — a nude wrestling bout between Bates and Reed.

Reed said at the time that the director was "starting to go crazy." □

"Before that he was a sane, likable TV director," Reed said. "Now he's an insane, likable film director."

Paul McGann, who starred in Russell's "The Rainbow," said the director "encouraged an irreverent joyousness on set and usually got it."

"I remember him sat on a camera crane in kaftan and sandals shouting to us through a megaphone: 'Even greater heights of abandon!'" McGann said. "He's how you imagined, and hoped, a movie director would be."

Born in the English port of Southampton in 1927, Russell fell in love with the movies as a child.

In one of his last interviews, he said his whole life, including his filmmaking, had been affected by the death of his cousin Marion, who stepped on a land mine when they were children. □

President as piñata



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A year before President Barack Obama faces re-election, take a look at what has happened to other Western leaders confronting voters in this economic vortex.

Spain's Socialist government was defeated in a crushing landslide vote a week ago, leaving the party with its fewest members of Parliament since democratic elections were introduced in 1977.

That's the pattern for incumbents from Ireland to Finland, Portugal to Denmark: Spain's was the eighth government to topple in Europe in two years.

In this economic crisis, Obama will face the same headwinds. That should provide a bracing warning to grumbling Democrats: If you don't like the way things are going right now, just wait.

Obama came into office with expectations that Superman couldn't have met.

Many on the left believed what the right feared: that Obama was an old-fashioned liberal. But the president's cautious centrism soured the left without reassuring the right. Like many, I have disappointments with Obama. He badly underestimated the length of this economic crisis, and for a man with a spectacular gift at public speaking, he has been surprisingly inept at communicating.

But as we approach an election year, it is important to acknowledge the larger context: Obama has done better than many critics on the left or the right give him credit for.

He took office in the worst recession in more than half a century, amid fears of a complete economic implosion. As The Onion, the satirical news organization, described his election at the time: "Black Man Given Nation's Worst Job." The administration helped tug us back from the brink of economic ruin. Obama oversaw an economic stimulus that, while too small, was far larger than the one House Democrats had proposed. He rescued the auto industry and achieved health care reform that presidents have been seeking since the time of Theodore Roosevelt.

Despite virulent opposition that has paralyzed the government, Obama bolstered regulation of the tobacco industry, signed a fair pay act and tightened control of the credit card industry. He has been superb on education, weaning the Democratic Party from

blind support for teachers' unions while still trying to strengthen public schools.

In foreign policy, Obama has taken a couple of huge risks. He approved the assault on Osama bin Laden's compound in Pakistan, and despite much criticism he led the international effort to overthrow Moammar Gadhafi. So far, both bets are paying off.

Granted, the economic downturn overshadows all else, as happens in every presidency. Ronald Reagan, the Teflon president, saw his job approval rating sink to 35 percent in January 1983 because of economic troubles. A faltering economy sent the popularity of the first president Bush into a tailspin, tumbling to 29 percent in 1992.

By comparison, Obama has about a 43 percent approval rating, according to Gallup.

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois tells me he thinks that liberals will eventually unite behind the president. "It's never going to be the first date we had four years ago," he said. "But I don't question the fact that he'll have the support of the left."

Still, it's hard to see how Obama will replicate the turnout that swept him into office, or repeat victories in crucial states like Florida and Ohio.

Then again, Republicans face a similar enthusiasm gap with their likely nominee, Mitt Romney. (Republicans keep searching for any other candidate who they think would be electable, when they already have one: Jon Huntsman. They just don't like him.)

Earlier this month, I asked Bill Clinton — who has a better intuitive feel for politics than anyone I know — about Obama's chances for re-election. "I'll be surprised if he's not re-elected," Clinton said, adding that Obama would do better when matched against a specific opponent like Romney.

Clinton said that Romney did "a very good job" as governor of Massachusetts and would be a credible general election candidate. But Clinton added that Romney or any Republican nominee would be hampered by "a political environment in the Republican primary that basically means you can't be authentic unless you've got a single-digit IQ."

I'm hoping the European elections will help shock Democrats out of their orneriness so that they accept the reality that we'll be facing not a referendum, but a choice. For a couple of years, the left has joined the right in making Obama a piñata.

That's fair: It lets off steam, and it's how we keep politicians in line.

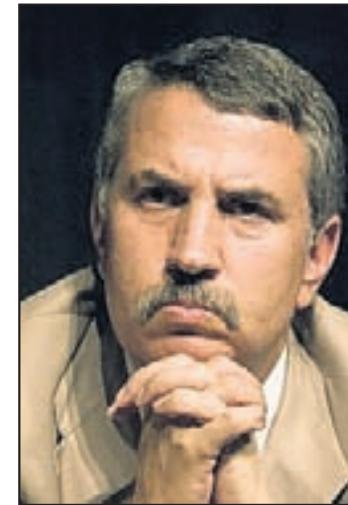
But think back to 2000. Many Democrats and journalists alike, feeling grouchy, were dismissive of Al Gore and magnified his shortcomings. We forgot the context, prided ourselves on our disdainful superiority — and won eight years of George W. Bush.

This time, let's do a better job of retaining perspective. If we turn Obama out of office a year from now, let's make sure it is because the Republican nominee is preferable, not just out of grumpiness toward the incumbent during a difficult time. □



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In the Arab world, it's the past vs. the future



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In 2001, a book came out about George Mitchell's diplomatic work in Northern Ireland that was titled "To Hell With the Future, Let's Get On With the Past."

One hopes that such a book will never be written about today's Arab awakenings. But watching events unfold out there makes it impossible not to ask: Will the past bury the future in the Arab world or will the future bury the past?

I am awed by the bravery of the Syrian and Egyptian youths trying to throw off the tyranny of the Assad family and the Egyptian military.

The fact that they go into the streets — knowing they face security forces who will not hesitate to gun them down — speaks of the deep longing of young Arabs to be free of the regimes that have so long choked their voices and prevented them from realizing their full potential.

But I am deeply worried that the longer the fighting continues in Syria and Egypt, the less chance that any stable, democratizing order will emerge anytime soon and the more likely that Syria could disintegrate into civil war.

You can't exaggerate how dangerous that would be. When Tunisia was convulsed by revolution, it imploded. When Egypt was convulsed by revolution, it imploded. When Libya was convulsed by revolution, it imploded. If Syria is con-

vulsed by revolution, it will not implode. Most Arab states implode. Syria explodes.

Why? Because Syria is the keystone of the Levant. It borders and balances a variety of states, sects and ethnic groups.

If civil war erupts there, every one of Syria's neighbors will cultivate, and be cultivated by, different Syrian factions — Sunnis, Alawites, Kurds, Druse, Christians, pro-Iranians, pro-Hezbollahites, pro-Palestinians, pro-Saudis — in order to try to tilt Syria in their direction.

Turkey, Lebanon, Hezbollah, Iraq, Iran, Hamas, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Israel all have vital interests in who rules in Damascus, and they will all find ways to partner with proxies inside Syria to shape events there.

It will become a big Lebanon-like brawl.

Syria needs a peaceful democratic transition set in motion now. Ditto Egypt. But that is easier said than done.

Events in both countries are a reminder of the multidimensional struggle for power across the Middle East — what I once described as the struggle between "The Lexus and the Olive Tree."

On one level, you have the very modern, deeply felt and truly authentic longing by Syrians and Egyptians for freedom, for the skills to thrive in modernity and for the rights of real citizens.

Outsiders often underestimate just how much these Arab youths are determined to limit the powers of their militaries as a necessary step for achieving true democracy.

What you see in Egypt today are young people from across the political spectrum and classes who are willing to join forces, break ranks with their own parties and return to Tahrir Square to press for real freedom.

This is a generational rupture. It is the old versus the young.

It is the insiders (the adults) versus the outsiders (the youth).

It is the privileged old guard versus the disadvantaged young guard. These young Egyptians, and Syrians, who have stopped fearing their military masters, are determined to unleash a true

transformation in their world.

We should be on their side.

But the weight of their history is so heavy.

The new Lexus-like values of "democracy," "free elections," "citizen rights" and "modernity" will have to compete with some very old Olive Tree ideas and passions. These include the age-old civil wars within Islam between Sunnis and Shiites, over who should dominate the faith, the heated struggle between Salafists and modernists over whether the 21st century should be embraced or rejected, as well as the ancient tribal and regional struggles playing out within each of these societies.

Last, but not least, you have the struggle between the entrenched military/crony elites and the masses.

These struggles from the "past" always threaten to rise up, consume any new movement for change and bury "the future."

This is the grand drama now being played out in the Arab world — the deeply sincere youth-led quest for liberty and the deeply rooted quests for sectarian, factional, class and tribal advantage.

One day it looks as though the revolutions in Egypt, Syria and Tunisia are going to be hijacked by forces and passions from the past while the next day that longing of young people to be free and modern pushes them back.

The same drama played out in Iraq, but there the process was managed, at a huge cost, by an American midwife — managed enough so that the communities were able to write a new, rudimentary social contract on how to live together and, thereby, give the future a chance to bury the past. But we still do not know how it will end in Iraq.

We know, though, that there will be no impartial outside midwife to guide the transitions in Egypt, Syria, Tunisia, Libya and Yemen.

Can they each make it without one? Only if they develop their own Nelson Mandelas — unique civic leaders or coalitions who can honor the past, and contain its volcanic urges, but not let it bury the future. □

Patients' success raises hope of a cure for HIV

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Medical researchers are again in pursuit of a goal they had all but abandoned: curing AIDS.

Until recently, the possibility seemed little more than wishful thinking. But the experiences of two patients now suggest to many scientists that it may be achievable.

One man, the so-called Berlin patient, apparently has cleared his HIV infection, albeit by arduous bone marrow transplants. More recently, a 50-year-old man in Trenton, N.J., underwent a far less difficult gene therapy procedure. While he was not cured, his body was able to briefly control the virus after he stopped taking the usual antiviral drugs, something that is highly unusual.

"It's hard to underestimate how the scientific community has swung in its thinking about the possibility that we can do this," said Kevin Frost, chief executive of the Foundation for AIDS Research, a nonprofit group. "Cure, in the context of HIV, had become almost a four-letter word."

There were attempts in the past to cure the disease, but most experts thought it more feasible to focus on prevention and treatment. The push for a cure might seem even less urgent now that antiviral drugs have turned HIV infection from a near-certain death sentence to a chronic disease for many people.

But the drugs are not available to everyone, and they do not eliminate the infection.

Even if undetectable in the blood, the human immunodeficiency virus lurks quietly in the body. If a patient stops taking the drugs, the virus almost always comes roaring back.

So people with HIV now must take drugs every day for life, which some researchers say is not a sustainable solution for tens of millions of infected people. "I don't think the world has the resources to deliver these drugs to everyone who needs them for



Timothy Brown, who had leukemia and HIV, in San Francisco. After receiving two bone marrow transplants to treat Brown's leukemia, HIV could no longer be detected in his body. Brown's experience and that of another patient has given scientists hope that a cure for AIDS may be achievable. (Heidi Schumann/The New York Times)

decades," said Dr. Steven Deeks, professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco.

A cure may be the only realistic solution.

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which says a cure is one of its top priorities, this year awarded grants that could total \$70 million over five years to three research teams in pursuit of that goal.

More grants are coming. California's stem-cell agency has committed a total of \$38 million to three projects intended to find a cure. Companies like Merck, Gilead Sciences, Sangamo BioSciences and Calimmune have begun research.

It will be years before there is a cure, if there ever is, although some scientists are more optimistic than others.

"I think we are much closer to a cure than we are to a vaccine," said Rafick-Pierre Sekaly, scientific director of the Vaccine and Gene



Therapy Institute of Florida. There are two main approaches. One is a so-called sterilizing cure – the eradication of HIV from the body.

The other, a functional cure, would not eliminate the virus but would allow a person to remain healthy without antiviral drugs.

Hope for a cure was raised in part by the experience of the Berlin patient, an American named Timothy Brown who had both HIV and leukemia.

In 2007 and 2008, while living in Berlin, Brown received two bone-marrow transplants to treat his leukemia. The donor was among the 1 percent of Northern Europeans naturally resistant to HIV infection because they lack CCR5, a protein on the surface of immune cells that the virus uses as an entry portal.

With his own immune system replaced by one re-

sistant to infection, Brown, 45, who now lives in San Francisco, has apparently been free of the virus for about four years. But bone marrow transplants are grueling, risky and expensive. Moreover, it is hard enough to find an immunologically matching donor, let alone one with mutations in both copies of the CCR5 gene. So scientists are trying to modify a patient's own immune cells to make them resistant to infection by eliminating CCR5.

This is what was done with the Trenton patient.

Some of the man's white blood cells were removed from his body and treated with a gene therapy developed by Sangamo BioSciences. The therapy induced the cells to produce proteins called zinc-finger nucleases that can disrupt the CCR5 gene.

The treated cells were then infused back into the man's

body. One month later, as part of the experiment, the man stopped taking his antiviral drugs for 12 weeks.

As expected, the amount of HIV in his blood shot up. But then it fell back to an undetectable level just before the end of the 12-week period. The patient's immune cell counts also shot up.

"I felt like Superman," he said in an interview, although this could have been partly because he stopped taking the antiviral drugs that had caused fatigue.

The man spoke on the condition of anonymity because he has not told many friends and relatives that he has HIV.

Dr. Pablo Tebas, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania who treated the man, said, "It is only one individual, but it is a remarkable result."

Some outside experts were cautious.

"At 12 weeks, you can't say that this therapy works and the patient is controlling it by himself," said Dr. Jeffrey Laurence, director of the AIDS research laboratory at Weill Cornell Medical College.

Nevertheless, he called the results "amazing."

The gene therapy did not work so well for five other patients, according to results presented in September at the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy.

Researchers hypothesize that the Trenton patient did better because he had an inherited mutation in one of his two CCR5 genes, making the job easier for the gene therapy.

Up to 13.5 percent of his CD4 cells, the main immune cells infected by HIV, were missing both copies of the CCR5 gene after the treatment. That is about twice as much as observed in the other patients.

Still, a vast majority of his CD4 cells were not genetically altered and remained susceptible to infection, making it puzzling that the therapy worked at all. □